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Palacios medevacked to Hawaii

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Palacios

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who collapsed during a break while giving testimony at the Guma Hustisia last Tuesday, was medically evacuated to Hawaii Friday morning, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muña.

Speaking during a radio press briefing Friday, Muña said that a military plane was used to transport Palacios. "Lt. Gov. Palacios is now en route to Hawaii with this military transfer," Muña had said, adding that Palacios needs a high level of care that is not avail-

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$25M allocated for 2nd local stimulus

» Rollout of 2nd stimulus debit cards may start in the next 2 to 3 weeks

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Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said Friday that they have allocated $25 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for the second Local Economic Impact Payment that will give $500 to each eligible filer and dependent in the CNMI.

Atalig

In response to a question during a radio press briefing, Atalig said they have allocated $25 million but are expecting to distribute over $17 million in all for this second stimulus program.

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- **Red:** Least safe
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- **Blue**
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Source: Office of the Governor

DoD kicks off weeklong convoy practice on Saipan

A static display at the Airport Field shows one of the four Military High Vehicle Targets that will be used for an operation exercise on Saipan.
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The U.S Department of Naval Surface Warfare Center Detachment kicked off its weeklong convoy operation practice on Saipan with a Military High Vehicle Target "static display" at the Airport Field that was open to members of the community.

Last Saturday, Capt. Jaylon Woodson and members of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Detachment held a static display of one of the four HVT systems that will be travelling around the island in a convoy for the next week to enhance DoD's communication capabilities on Saipan.

An HVT system is a truck with a trailer that carries a simulated target or missile. It will be driven around the island to simulate the Depart-

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Guerrero finally shows up at budget hearing

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero showed up Friday before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee for a hearing on the DPS budget, during which he apologized for failing to show up at the hearing Tuesday due to a conflict in schedule.

Guerrero assured that he meant no disrespect to the Ways and Means Committee and its chairman, Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota), and vice chair, Rep. Corina L.

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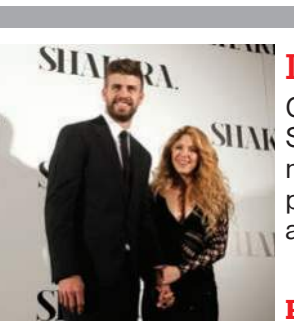

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Local

Car flips as distracted driver runs off highway

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A single-vehicle accident along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Garapan yesterday morning that caused a car to flip on its side was reportedly due to the driver allegedly being on the phone.

At around 10am yesterday, a Toyota RAV 4 ran off the highway along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Garapan and flipped on its side next to a ditch in front of Rainbow Motel.

According to Department of Public Safety spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan, the accident was a "single vehicle accident," meaning no other cars were involved.

The car was traveling north before it went off the road and crashed into a nearby drainage barrier. Pangelinan said the accident was caused by "distracted driving" and it is believed that the driver was using a cell phone while driving the car.

Police allegedly arrived on scene a few moments after the accident and, as of 11am, the scene remained under investigation.

At around 2pm that same day, Department of Public Safety spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan said there were no fatalities from the accident, but the driver was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center for minor injuries sustained from the crash.

This screengrab from video shows the accident. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Back in 2020, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed House Bill 21-35, now Public Law 21-17, which essentially bans the use of electronic devices while operating a vehicle. With this law, police officers may stop and issue a citation to a driver who is observed violating the law. The new law provides for a minimum fine of $300 for first offense and $500 for second offense.

The law, however, exempts emergency responders from using mobile electronic devices while operating an authorized emergency vehicle in the scope of his or her duties.

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3. A claim against the corporation will be barred unless a processing to enforce the claim is commenced within five years after the publication of the notice.

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OIA funds 9th Circuit Judicial Training Program for Pacific Insular Areas

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has approved its annual agreement with the Ninth Judicial Circuit to provide legal training and oversight responsibilities for the judiciaries in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

OIA is providing $428,967 in fiscal year 2022 Technical Assistance Program funds to continue this judicial program. Compact of Free Association grant funding in the amount of $377,000 in fiscal year 2022 provides the same judicial training in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"A fair and qualified judicial system is critical in every community, and we are pleased to provide these funds that will help ensure these needs are met in the Insular Areas," said deputy assistant secretary for Insular and International Affairs Keone Nakoa.

Designed, managed, and run by the Ninth Circuit for the Pacific Insular Areas, the comprehensive training program is designed to strengthen court governance and the rule of law, improve judicial systems and processes, and improve judicial education, especially of newly appointed judicial officers.

Objectives of judicial education training programs include:

■ Training to provide fair, impartial, and speedy justice and a bench imbued with integrity, professionalism, and competence.

■ Training of court leaders with ethical principles so that they can train court staff and lead courts into the 21st century.

■ Lawyer training to ensure a pool of qualified candidates to fill future judicial vacancies.

■ Court interpreter training to ensure access to justice for local communities.

■ Training for probation officers, court security officers and other court personnel, to develop continuity of services throughout the island courts that will effectively and efficiently safeguard the administration of justice.

■ Traditional law training related to customs and traditions in the Island Areas and where they intersect with statutory law.

In 1976, Chief Judge Richard H. Chambers of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recommended to then Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court that a committee be created to work with the courts of the South Pacific, including those with U.S. territorial status. Burger agreed and appointed Chambers to chair the Pacific Territories Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The committee's purpose was to function as a resource to the U.S. territories and now former trust territories of the Pacific Islands to make their judicial systems more efficient and advance the rule of law. In 1988, following a Supreme Court recommendation, President Ronald Reagan turned the committee's work over to the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit where it resides today.

For more, visit https://www.pacificjudicialcouncil.org/committees/pacific-islands-committee. ***(PR)***

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MHS summer camp taught independent living for 3 days

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The "Make it Count!" Summer Camp attendees and counselors are seen in front of the J Building of the Marianas High School campus with the cars they washed during their carwash fundraising last Saturday. ZThey are joined by first lady Diann Torres, left, and her children. LEIGH GASES

The Marianas High School Special Education Program hosted its first ever summer camp at the MHS campus building J101 and J108, with capers being exposed to three-days of living experiences.

Called "Make it Count!", the summer camp lasted from the weekend of June 3, Friday afternoon, to yesterday, June 5, Sunday evening. The camp catered to 12 pre-picked special education MHS students who will be transitioning to adult life after the upcoming school year.

"These three-day living experiences will assist our students in providing post-secondary transition support like integrated basic life skills and independent living skills that will help students imagine and create solutions that provide meaning and value in their life. The students [had] a 1:1 ratio, meaning that each student [was] assigned to one teacher or teacher aide," said Cynthia Ferrari, special education teacher.

The campers learned some skills to help them live independently and responsibly; joined swimming and kayaking activities, stargazed, and other campout activities; and took part in a carwash fundraising.

The activities allowed "our students to have fun and socialize but at the same time experience independent living and responsibility in real time throughout this three-day summer campout program," said Ferrari.

During the car wash fundraising last Saturday, first lady Diann Torres, who is a current teacher at MHS, brought a car to be washed as a show of support to the campers.

"I'm here this morning participating and just supporting the 'Make it Count Summer Camp.' One of the missions with the Lady Diann Torres Foundation is to support and provide resources for individuals with special needs. When this was shared amongst all the teachers, I jumped [at the chance to offer] the teachers some assistance. I came in yesterday and just dropped a small monetary donation," she said.

"And then, of course, just being here this morning, seeing the kids with their happy faces, wiping down the cars, is a great feeling."

Special education teacher aides were seen assisting the students with the carwash fundraising. One of them, John Michael Valmonte, who has been a teacher aide for more than a year at MHS, said the children "are having fun. It's a mixture of fun and…their hardship as they clean the cars. Yes, it's hot, it's tiring, but they're focused on cleaning and having fun."

One of the campers who joined the camp in its entirety, Zhenyu Dong, said he "feels very good" about the activities he participated in.

Another camper, David Camacho, said, "I learned how to use the scrubber to clean the tires and the windows. I feel good." He also described the other activities he did during the camp, "We played volleyball, watched movies, played games… We created our own flags of animals…"

The major sponsors for this camp are the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Marianas High School, and Joeten Enterprises.

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Magofna (D-Saipan), and thanked them for the opportunity to appear at the hearing.

Also with Guerrero were DPS officials—administration Kaye Inos, Bureau of Motor Vehicle director Juan Leon Guerrero, and human resources director Esther Delos Reyes.

The first day of the hearing was last Tuesday, but it did not last long as Manglona had decided to resume the hearing Friday in order for the commissioner to appear as they have many questions for him. Manglona then stated that if the commissioner fails to appear, they have the option to subpoena him to show up.

Inos, who appeared Tuesday with Leon Guerrero and Delos Reyes, told the committee that day that the commissioner had a scheduled prior meeting.

Guerrero failed to show up at the budget hearing last year, reportedly for an emergency that he needed to attend on Tinian. He then informed the committee that he's taking a medical leave and requested to reschedule the hearing. Citing lack of time, Manglona decided not to call Guerrero to a hearing.

At Friday's hearing, Guerrero said that, although they asked the governor's office for a $9.97 million budget for FY 2023, they support the administration's proposal of only $6.89 million.

"We are cognizant of the need for other departments as well," said the commissioner, adding that the administration assured them that the governor's office and the Finance secretary will work with them in addressing any future budget requests.

In response to questions by Magofna, Guerrero said the department's plan for the upcoming fiscal year as they had in the past year and a couple of years back is to increase police presence in the community. He said this reduces crime rates and decreases drug activities.

In terms of personnel, Guerrero said they have acquired enough personnel for law enforcement and managed to re-establish the Drug Enforcement Task Force to tackle drug issues.

"A lot of our drug activities have gone down tremendously because of a lot of police presence and a lot of the officers are more equipped with equipment that they may need in the field to do their work," Guerrero said.

He said overtime is a big issue as it has ballooned in the last two years. The commissioner, however, pointed out that the overtime is actually paid for right now using COVID-19 funding.

He said they're actually submitting reimbursement requests on a timely basis for overtime costs, which COVID-19 funding will cover, with the exception of those that are non-COVID related, which is very minimal.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero appears before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee for the DPS budget hearing Friday. To Guerrero's right is DPS administration director Kaye Inos, and to his left are Bureau of Motor Vehicle director Juana Leon Guerrero and DPS human resources director Esther Delos Reyes.
FERDIE DE LA TORRE

DOD

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ment of Defense' tracking capability and other specific training will be done with it so in the event of a missile crisis on Saipan, the DOD will be able to properly protect the island.

Dozens of individuals and families came out yesterday afternoon to see the massive military vehicle up close and were even given a chance to explore the HVT and ask questions about it.

According to Glenna Palacios, special assistant for the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs under the Office of the Governor, last Saturday's display was an opportunity for members of the community to personally check out one of the four military HVT system that were shipped to Saipan over the past few weeks in preparation of this training.

"We have four of these here on Saipan and its part of the training exercise that is going to start this week until June 13. We will be having training exercises for Saipan. We have the Air Force and, of course, the Army here," she said.

Palacios explained that the community shouldn't be alarmed when they see these massive military vehicles convoying across the island as it is just a training exercise for the DoD to further test and enhance their communication on Saipan. An earlier news release from the CBMA assured that the HVTs are not live missiles but are replica models made of tin sheets. This exercise activity is limited to communication testing operation.

"The training is basically a convoy around the island to basically test [the DoD's] communication capabilities and their technology warfare capabilities to ensure that in the event that something breaks out—we hope it doesn't—as a precautionary measure, this allows our Department of Defense to refine its communication capabilities to ensure that if something like this happens, they'll be able to terminate a missile," Palacios said.

The special assistant said this is the first time Saipan has had training like this and it is all part of the CNMI's effort to support its military.

A somewhat similar exercise will also be done on Tinian. It will involve maritime operations at the Tinian Harbor, Logistical Hub Staging activities at the San Jose Port, refueling supply point operation at the Tinian West Field while cargo airdrop delivery systems will occur on North Tinian Drop Zone.

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He encouraged those who have not filed their income tax return and for those who are zero income filers to get their tax returns submitted.

As to the concern by some people and lawmakers that issuing debit cards for the second stimulus will not help small vendors who do not accept cards, Atalig said just like in the first local stimulus, the reason for the use of cards is it is administered by the local government and they want to help local vendors.

He said they encourage small businesses to avail of the stimulus by obtaining access to accepting the cards.

"We want to keep the funds here. We want to stimulate the Commonwealth's economy. We do not want to stimulate [the economy of] other jurisdictions as much as we can," Atalig said.

Atalig said their focus is to help the local economy and, in turn, it helps the government receive business gross receipts, and then helps keep the money flowing within the CNMI's borders.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed last week an agreement with Finance's Division of Revenue and Taxation regarding implementation plan for the second local stimulus.

Atalig said they will be rolling out this stimulus program hopefully in the next two to three weeks—or by mid-June.

"And so I'm very appreciative of the staff at the Division of Revenue and Taxation for their hard work to make this happen," he said.

Atlig said they are excited about helping the community with this stimulus rollout.

He, however, reminded the public that this program is to help the community, local vendors, and local businesses get assistance they need because of the high costs of fuel and inflation.

"This is also in lieu of a fuel voucher program. A fuel voucher program is only going to help those that probably [have a] vehicle. But this one here is even better than a fuel voucher program, because this is $500 for every taxpayer and their dependents," Atalig said.

He noted that these debit cards have an expiration date and the funds must be used by Jan. 31, 2023," he said.

"We want the people to use the money now. Let them use it to help our businesses that need the assistance, and this will help them as well," Atalig said.

PALACIOS

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able here in the CNMI or Guam. It was learned that Palacios is now confined at the Queen's Healthcare Center in Honolulu.

In a message from Palacios' wife, Wella Palacios, yesterday regarding the status of her husband, she said: "On behalf of Arnold, myself and our children, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all who played a part in responding my husband's health situation. Thank you to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. medical team, the Department of Defense, military personnel, friends and family. We are humbled by the outpouring of love, support, prayers and well wishes from the community. As of now, Arnold is doing well and following his doctor's orders to rest here at the hospital. We ask for your continued prayers and we will keep everyone back home updated on the status of his health."

Earlier on Friday, Muña thanked Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for his support to get Palacios transferred to a higher level of care in Hawaii, the closest point.

"Gov. Torres really did play a big part in ensuring all the motions are moving forward to assist our lieutenant governor," she said.

At the same press briefing. Torres urged the CNMI community to "pray for the lieutenant governor's swift recovery and get him into in good health." Torres said.

Palacios, 66, was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center Tuesday after he collapsed during a break while giving testimony in the criminal case against Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres.

The Office of the Lt. Governor issued a statement Friday that Palacios was transported from Saipan to Honolulu, Hawaii via military aircraft for additional testing and treatment and that Palacios arrived Friday afternoon and is resting comfortably in his room at the Queens Medical Center.

The statement assured that Palacios is in stable condition and, while still experiencing pain in his lower back, he remains in good spirits.

The statement says the lieutenant governor wishes to thank the community for the outpouring of prayers and support for him and his family.

"The Office of the Lieutenant Governor will continue to provide updates as they become available," it added.

Palacios, a Republican, is running for governor as an independent candidate, with Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang as his running mate in the Nov. 8 general election.

Torres thanks DOD, CHCC, CBP, CPA for their response for Palacios

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres extends his deepest gratitude and appreciation to the U.S. Department of Defense, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority for their collaboration in ensuring Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios was timely and safely transported to Hawaii for medical treatment after the incident during his testimony at the Guma' Hustisia this past Tuesday.

"Shortly after the incident at the Guma' Hustisia on Tuesday, I personally called Maj. Gen. Mark Hashimoto to request for air transportation and a medical team to transport the lieutenant governor, so that he may be taken care of by the appropriate medical professionals. Shortly after that request was placed, the mission to transport the lieutenant governor was approved by the U.S. Department of Defense," said Torres.

"I would like to thank the U.S. DOD, Maj. Gen. Mark Hashimoto and his team, Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson, Adm. John Aquilino, the Joint Operations Center team at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Capt. Kim Hofschneider, and especially the air crew and medical team, for all their work and assistance to speedily ensure that Lt. Gov. Palacios was transported safely.

"I also want to thank CHCC CEO Esther Muña, COVID-19 Task Force Chair Warren Villagomez, and the CNMI Medical Referral Office, as well as the Medical Referral Office in Hawaii, for coordinating the lieutenant governor's medical arrangements.

"Additionally, I want to thank CBP CNMI ports director Jeff Hofschneider, CPA executive director Chris Tenorio, and CPA chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds for their collaboration in facilitating the safe arrival and departure of the DOD aircraft, military, and health officials at our airport for Lt. Gov. Palacios.

"On behalf of the first lady, my family, and myself, I continue to ask the CNMI to pray for the speedy recovery and good health of Lt. Gov. Palacios," said Torres. ***(PR)***

‘We’re now in final stage to bring back Japan market’

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Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres disclosed Friday that they are now in the final stages to consummate an agreement to bring back the Japan market in the CNMI.

In response to a question during a radio press briefing, Torres hinted that there is good news with the Japan market that he hopes to share with the public soon.

“So hopefully in the next couple of weeks, we’ll have an agreement that we can publicly announce,” he said.

The governor said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo, along with MVA board chair Viola Alepuyo and the MVA board, is working tirelessly to make sure that the Japan market is the CNMI’s next priority to bring back to the CNMI.

With respect to Skymark Airlines, Torres said they are hopeful that Skymark will continue to be interested in flying to the CNMI.

“But we do also know that there are challenges,” said Torres as he thanked Skymark for being the CNMI’s partner during pre-COVID-19 pandemic.

Skymark has been reportedly operating at around 30% to 40% load factor, and lost millions over the last two years. The airline is reportedly now focusing on stabilizing their domestic operations, rebuilding their financial resources, and stemming the losses.

Now that the Japan market is opening up and the CNMI is moving forward on restarting this market for the CNMI, Torres said the CNMI welcomes any airline that will be able to assist the Commonwealth’s vision and goal to bring back the Japan market.

MVA is aiming to launch its Tourism Resumption Investment Plan for Japan sometime in July, with some airline carriers reportedly interested in resuming the Japan-Saipan route.

Tina-Leila tandem launches website

The NMI Democratic Party tandem of Reps. Christina “Tina” Sablan (D-Saipan) and Leila Fleming Staffler (D-Saipan) officially launched their campaign “Trusted Leadership” website last week. Members of the public can visit SablanStaffler.com to read about the Democratic candidates for CNMI governor and lieutenant governor, their platform and public service work, and ways to support the campaign.

“Leila and I are so excited to announce that the Trusted Leadership website is now live and available to the public,” said Sablan. “SablanStaffler.com embodies what our campaign is all about: open and honest government that builds trust through transparency.”

The website features candidate profiles for both Sablan and Staffler, which includes a biography, current committee memberships, legislative record, and outreach work that Sablan and Staffler have each done as legislators in the CNMI House of Representatives.

SablanStaffler.com also outlines the candidates’ platform, which consists of: A Thriving and Diversified Economy; High Quality Education & Training; A Healthy Community; Safe, Reliable, and Sustainable Infrastructure; A Safe and Just Community; A Responsive, Transparent, and Ethical Government; Security for CNMI Government Retirees; Supporting Our Veterans and Military Families; Expanding Civil Rights Protections; and Vibrant Village Life.

Visitors to the website can view news, photos, and videos from Sablan & Staffler’s campaign, as well as to donate or volunteer with the campaign.

“Tina and I invite the community to visit our website, ask us about our platform, and give us feedback, too,” said Staffler. “We hope that the website can serve as a resource to help empower individuals in making an informed decision this November.” ***(PR)***

HSEM participates in 2022 Annual National Weather Service Tropical Cyclone Seminar

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and other local government agencies took part virtually in last Thursday’s Annual Tropical Cyclone Seminar organized and conducted by the Guam Homeland Security/ Office of Civil Defense, in coordination with the National Weather Service-Guam Forecast Office.

The NWS discussed the influence of climate change on tropical cyclones in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, and how it has been notoriously difficult to separate from natural changeability. But an increasingly consistent picture has shown some aspects of these extreme weather events, although the exact extent of these events is still difficult to determine expectantly in today’s observations. Many of the observed trends in tropical cyclones are at least theoretically consistent with expectations from a warming climate.

The objective of the seminar was to familiarize decision makers with the natural hazards that threaten the region, the behavior of those hazards, the emergency information and instructions issued by the NWS and its associates, and how to make critical decisions based on the emergency information provided.

The goal is to help steer the focus on events three to five days out to plan and prepare accordingly based on the severity of the tropical cyclones and to disseminate to the public warnings and safety precautions to help maintain protection for Guam and CNMI residents. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

GCC board meeting on Friday

The Guam Community College board of trustees will hold its monthly board meeting on Friday, June 10, 2022, at noon at Room 112, Learning Resource Center (GCC Library), Building 4000. Wearing face masks on GCC campus is highly encouraged. ***(PR)***

GCC fall semester registration ongoing

The last day to register for the upcoming fall semester at Guam Community College is Friday, Aug. 12, 2022. The first day of classes for fall is Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022.

Students are welcome to the campus to register in person or on the GCC website at www.guamcc.edu/apply. Information on the GCC admissions process, the academic calendar, tuition rates and fees, and financial aid can also be found on the college website.

Completing and submitting a Free Application for Student Aid form opens students to the opportunity of receiving federal financial aid, scholarships, and grant funding to support their education at GCC. The FAFSA application process is free of charge.

For more information or assistance with financial aid applications/scholarships available, call (671) 735-5543/5544 or email financialaid@guamcc.edu.

For more information or to enroll, or register, in the fall 2022 semester call (671) 735-5531 or email gcc.registrar@guamcc.edu. ***(PR)***

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Rota Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Rota Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1 for Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RAESP package set.

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REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL
CUC-RAESP-22-027

A&E Design Services For Water System Mitigation PH II, PH I

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for the Water System Mitigation Project PH II, PH I.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from FEMA HMGP.

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-RAESP-22-027, A&E Design Services for Water System Mitigation PH II, PH I”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 27, 2022. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is paid by NMHC with HUD funds.

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 234-9447/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after June 21, 2022, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following projects and purposes in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Project/Activity Type	Purpose	Location	Total Project Cost
Kagman Community Park, Phase II Project	Revitalize and enhance the park to provide additional equipment to accommodate the growing community	Kagman, Saipan	$275,000.00
Rota Community Fitness Court Facility	To further ongoing initiatives in diversifying economic opportunities while increasing collaborative efforts in the promotion of health program activities.	Sinapalo, Rota	$130,000.00
Tinian Community Fitness Court Facility	To further ongoing initiatives in diversifying economic opportunities while increasing collaborative efforts in the promotion of health program activities.	San Jose, Tinian	$130,000.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Central Office in Garapan, Saipan and may be examined or copied during regular work hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI or Austerity Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 or direct delivery to the central office in Garapan, Saipan. All comments received by **June 21, 2022, 4:30 p.m.**, will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Honolulu Field Office that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Ralph DLG. Torres consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of **fifteen (15) days** following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Honolulu Field Office by email to CPD Honolulu Field Office: CPDHonolulu@hud.gov and CPD_COVID-19OEE-HNL@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/
Ralph DLG Torres
Governor, CNMI

Social Security board: Outlook of combined trust funds progressing

The Social Security board of trustees released Friday its annual report on the financial status of the Social Security trust funds. The combined asset reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance trust funds are projected to become depleted in 2035, one year later than projected last year, with 80% of benefits payable at that time.

ON THE NET

■ View the 2022 Trustees Report at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2022/.

The OASI Trust Fund is projected to become depleted in 2034, one year later than last year's estimate, with 77% of benefits payable at that time. The DI Trust Fund asset reserves are not projected to become depleted during the 75-year projection period.

In the 2022 Annual Report to Congress, the trustees announced:

■ The asset reserves of the combined OASI and DI trust funds declined by $56 billion in 2021 to a total of $2.852 trillion.

■ The total annual cost of the program is projected to exceed total annual income in 2022 and remain higher throughout the 75-year projection period. Total cost began to be higher than total income in 2021. Social Security's cost has exceeded its non-interest income since 2010.

■ The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, is 2035—one year later than last year's projection. At that time, there would be sufficient income coming in to pay 80% of scheduled benefits.

"It is important to strengthen Social Security for future generations. The trustees recommend that lawmakers address the projected trust fund shortfalls in a timely way in order to phase in necessary changes gradually," said Kilolo Kijakazi, acting commissioner of Social Security. "Social Security will continue to be a vital part of the lives of 66 million beneficiaries and 182 million workers and their families during 2022."

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

■ Total income, including interest, to the combined OASI and DI trust funds amounted to $1.088 trillion in 2021. ($980.6 billion from net payroll tax contributions, $37.6 billion from taxation of benefits, and $70.1 billion in interest)

■ Total expenditures from the combined OASI and DI trust funds amounted to nearly $1.145 trillion in 2021.

■ Social Security paid benefits of $1.133 trillion in calendar year 2021. There were about 65 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.

■ The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 3.42% of taxable payroll—lower than the 3.54% projected in last year's report.

■ During 2021, an estimated 179 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.

■ The cost of $6.5 billion to administer the Social Security program in 2021 was a very low 0.6% of total expenditures.

■ The combined trust fund asset reserves earned interest at an effective annual rate of 2.5% in 2021.

The board of trustees usually comprises six members. Four serve by virtue of their positions with the federal government: Janet Yellen, secretary of the Treasury and managing trustee; Kijakazi; Xavier Becerra, secretary of Health and Human Services; and Martin J. Walsh, secretary of Labor. The two public trustee positions are currently vacant. ***(Social Security)***

CHCC Sunshine Squad donates $1K to T-Project

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Sunshine Squad recently donated $1,000 to T-Project CNMI, a nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that offer support and services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, gender fluid and/or gender non-conforming individuals, family, friends, and allies.

According to T-Project founder and president Tyra Sablan, the donation "is an incredible gesture" from CHCC and will go toward supporting the organization's goals to achieve its vision of a stronger, healthier, more resilient, and equitable CNMI for LGBTQ+ people and their allies.

LGBTQ+ people experience a number of healthcare disparities and are at higher risk of certain conditions.

"One of T-Project's focus is inclusivity in healthcare," said Sablan. "We intend to use the funds to promote healthcare practices that are more patient-centered by providing resources to support CHCC Pride Committee's efforts in achieving health justice for all, especially for our most marginalized—transgender and non-binary patients. We are grateful and humbled by the continued support from our community and to the CHCC for pioneering this transformation in healthcare in the CNMI. Thank Dr. Lily Muldoon and the Sunshine Squad for believing in us."

As for why T-Project was chosen as a recipient, Muldoon said, "T-Project is an organization we believe will help us promote inclusive processes within our health practice. They create safe spaces for the CNMI's LGBTQ+ community and therefore our patients. We hope to work with them further to create linkages for people who identify as LGBTQ+ and primary care." ***(PR)***

CNMI DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP22-DCCA-CCLP-42200101

SUBMISSION DATE: June 23, 2022 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

"TO UPDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS CHILD CARE LICENSING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES, LOCATED AT THE HORIGUCHI BLDG., GROUND FLOOR, 123 KOPPA DI ORU & BEACH ROAD, GARAPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE LICENSING PROGRAM OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1343 ASCENSION COURT IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON **JUNE 13, 2022 10:00 A.M.** CONTRACTORS MAY REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE VIA PHONE-CALL IN. IF REQUESTING VIA PHONE-CALL IN, REQUEST MUST BE MADE VIA EMAIL TO gbsdccacclp@gmail.com AT LEAST 3-WORKDAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCE.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO **MR. GORDON SALAS, PROGRAM SUPERVISOR**, VIA EMAIL TO gbsdccacclp@gmail.com NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR OT THE MADATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONVERENCE. ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING THE CONFERENCE. QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED. No ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
SECRETARY, DCCA

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, Plaintiff, vs. EPHREM S. TAIMANAO, LUCIA M, TAIMANO, RAYMOND C. FLAWAU (as to 1 lot only – Lot 345 R 168) and CNMI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – DIVISION OF REVENUE & TAXATION, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0162

NOTICE OF AUCTION ON THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Judgment issued by the Court in this matter on December 7, 2016, the court-approved auctioneer, Micheline Brel, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following real properties:

Legal description of the properties:

1. Lot 345 R 423, Rota, containing an area of 1,003 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 the original of which was recorded September 27, 1984 under File No. 84-2049 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

2. Lot 345 R 411, Rota, containing an area of 931 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09, the original of which was recorded September 27, 1984 under File No. 84-2049 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

3. Lot 345 R 188, Sinapalo, Rota, containing an area of 1,033 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 04, the original of which was recorded December 19, 1983 as File No. 83-0383 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

4. Lot 345 R 79, Sinapalo, Rota, containing an area of 1,037 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 03, the original of which was recorded December 19, 1983 under File No. 83-385 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

5. Lot 011 R 16, Rota, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing / Cadastral Plat No. 011 R 00, the original of which was recorded March 06, 1974 under File No. 3439 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale:

The sale will be held on the 1st day of July, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Law Offices of Michael N. Evangelista, LLC, 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Condition of Sale:

The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Law Offices of Michael N. Evangelista, LLC, 2nd Floor, D' Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2022.

LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL
NORITA EVANGELISTA, LLC.
/s/ Michael N. Evangelista,
Esq. (Bar No. 0364)
Attorney for Plaintiff

Ninth Circuit announces 2022 Civics Contest winners

SAN FRANCISCO—Alaska, California, Montana and Washington state high school students are the winners of the 2022 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, an educational outreach effort sponsored by the U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit and the Public Information and Community Outreach Committee. This year's theme was "The First Amendment and the Schoolhouse Gate: Students' Free Speech Rights." Students were asked to address "What are students' free speech rights—and responsibilities—on and off campus?"

"The question of what are students' free speech rights—and responsibilities—on and off campus is foundational to young people's understanding of intergenerational civic duties for a fair and just society," said Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary H. Murguia. "It is truly wonderful that so many students engaged in the opportunity to contribute their ideas about individual rights through essays and videos for our circuit-wide civics contest. I am also deeply grateful to the many volunteers who worked diligently on every detail to make this competition a success."

LIONS GLOBAL ACTION TEAM AWARDS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Past council chairman George Ong-Tan, second from left, GAT Area 5 Leader for MD301 Philippines and D204 Guam, presents a certificate of appreciation to honor Annamae Adaza-Mayuga, third from left, District Global Service team coordinator, for her service to the community while president Marcelo Masilungan, right, District IT chairperson, receives a certificate and a GAT Chairman's medal to recognize him as a Lion who exemplifies the best of the GAT at international level. The presentation was done at the District 204 Convention on May 15 at the Saipan World Resort. From left are Rosita Lim Ong-Tan, George Ong-Tan, Mayuga, district governor Atoy Banting, and Masilungan.

Winners of the essay competition

■ First place—Kevin Guo ($3,000), Cupertino High

■School,Cupertino,California Second place—Lillian Yang ($1,700), West Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska

■ Third place—Sophia Rey ($1,000), Sehome High School, Bellingham, Washington

Winners of the video competition

■ First place—Team of Sofia Tretiak, Francesco Comuzzi and Enrico Scuppa (Total of $3,000), Terry High School, Montana

■ Second place—Jesus Montes ($1,700), Rubidoux High School, Jurupa Valley, California

■ Third place—Gillian Celis ($1,000), Eastlake High School, Chula Vista, California

First-place winners, along with a parent or guardian, will be invited to attend the 2022 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Big Sky, Montana. Federal courts in all 15 judicial districts in the Ninth Circuit held local contests with winners who went on to compete in the circuit-wide contest.

Of the 800 essays and 112 video entries received, 42 essays and 29 videos from the local contests advanced to the circuit level. Of the entries that advanced, 12 essays and 10 videos were selected for final consideration by the PICO Committee members composed of judges, court executives, attorneys and staff, who helped plan and organize the contest. Blind judging was employed throughout the judging process.

Essay finalists who made it to the top 12 for final consideration are:

■ Yuna Bi, Benicia High School, Benicia, California

■ Gillian Celis, Eastlake High School, Chula Vista, California

■ Oliver Charat-Collins, Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego, California

■ Jin Chung, St. John's School, Tumon, Guam

■ Liz Duke-Moe, Boise High School, Boise, Idaho

■ Benjamin Flitcroft, Benicia High School, Benicia, California

■ Paige Goetzenberger, Arizona School for the Arts, Phoenix, Arizona

■Dominico Granieri, Reno High School, Reno, Nevada

■ Erica Richardson, Ballard High School, Seattle, Washington

Video finalists who made it to the top 10 for final consideration are:

■ Team of Sargun Bhatia and Diya Daftary, BASIS Chandler, Chandler, Arizona

■ Team of Rachel Cabales, Kedrick Diego and Josh Santiago, George Washington High

School, Mangilao, Guam

■ Sophia Calandrillo, Shorewood High School, Shoreline, Washington

■ Team of Maddux Gillett, Jacob Keaka and Hayden Konstantin, Sherwood High School,

Sherwood, Oregon

■ Jay Paek, Homestead High School, Cupertino, California

■ Team of Kailey Russell, Josie Sawyer and Kailey Russell, Galena High School, Reno,

Nevada

■ Giovanna Sanchez, Bonita Vista High School, Chula Vista, California

Winning essays and videos will be posted on the civic contest website in July.

The competition was open to students in grades 9-12 in public, private and parochial schools and home-schooled students of equivalent grade status in nine western states and two Pacific island jurisdictions. Prizes and contest-related expenditures are funded through attorney admission fees collected by the federal courts in the Ninth Circuit to fund educational programs for the bar and community.

The PICO Committee was established in 2000 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, the governing body for federal courts in the West. The committee seeks to promote public understanding of and confidence in the judicial system through civics education and outreach to the community and media. The committee includes federal judges, court executives, attorneys and court staff. ***(Ninth Circuit)***

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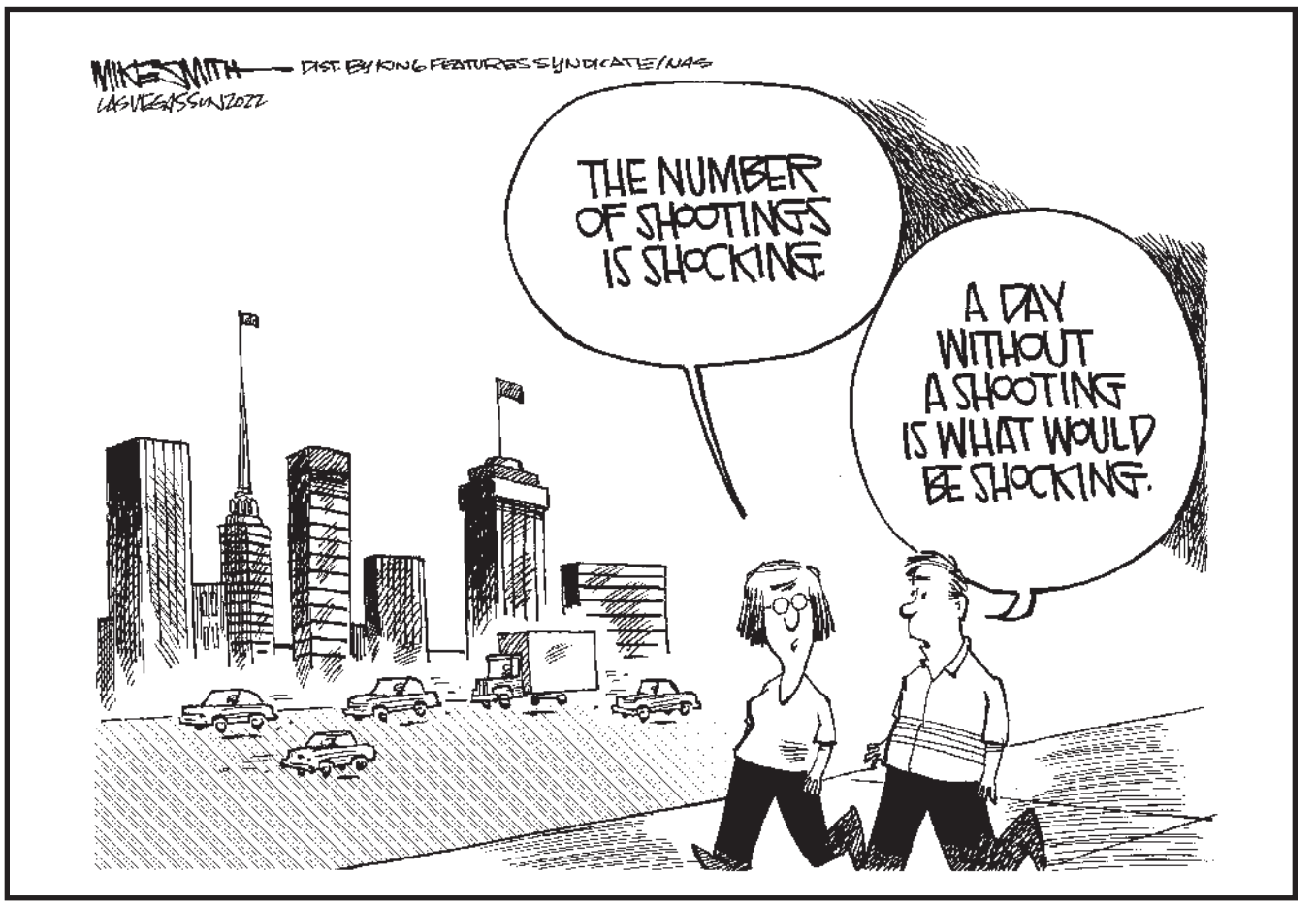
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EDITORIAL

Don't expect teachers to be substitute police officers when the shooting starts

Teachers are trained to elevate young minds, not to gun down people wielding assault weapons who burst into their classroom intent on mass murder.

It's the job of police, who are trained and protected with body armor to confront and stop dangerous people. But it was hard to tell that from the officers in Uvalde, Texas, who dithered outside a classroom at Robb Elementary School last week for more than an hour rather than storm the door and stop the slaughter going on inside. Could they have saved any of the 19 children and two teachers killed if they had acted earlier, as parents urged the officers to do? Instead, police stopped the parents from running into the school to try to save the kids themselves.

It wasn't the first time that law enforcement personnel trained to save lives in violent situations shirked their duty during a school shooting. In the 2018 killing of 14 students and three adults at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, eight officers waited outside for at least 10 minutes while the shooting went on inside. One officer later resigned under harsh criticism and another was placed on administrative leave. The school's armed resource officer—a former deputy sheriff—remained outside for 40 minutes, never entering while the shooting was in progress. He faces trial in September on charges of child neglect resulting in great bodily harm.

So why on earth do some Texas Republicans think that the answer is to arm teachers and administrators?

"We can potentially arm and prepare and train teachers and other administrators to respond quickly," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton told Fox News hours after the shooting.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, told reporters last week: "If individual school districts want to train the teachers to use firearms in that situation, then I think that's something they can consider," according to the New Republic.

If the people equipped and trained to protect and serve in dangerous situations can't be counted on to do either, it's absurd to think that teachers might do better. They are equipped and trained to explain math, reading and history to students, not stop the deadly gunfire that is plaguing our public schools. In Uvalde, teachers slammed doors shut to protect their students. The two who were shot and killed were reportedly trying to act as body shields for the children in their classrooms.

Fans of arming teachers are ignoring the teachers themselves, who for the most part don't want anything to do with guns in the classroom. Several states, including Texas, already allow individual school districts to permit teachers to carry guns. Only 300 teachers in Texas have done so—less than one in a thousand. Both the Texas State Teachers Assn.

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Radioactive marine pollution from Japan

RICK'S COLUMN

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The Government of Japan plans to release over a million tons of radioactive contaminated water beginning sometime over the next year or two. At issue is the contaminated water that was produced from the 2011 earthquake that generated tsunamis shortly afterwards, damaging the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. Contaminated water was produced from this extreme weather event, and what was collected is currently being stored onsite at Fukushima.

The onsite storage capacity for contaminated water has already run out and the nuclear power plant will be decommissioned.

The decision by the Japanese government to move forward on planning to release contaminated water into the ocean soon should be of highest concern to our Pacific Islander civilization, the South Koreans, the Chinese, and all who depend on the sea for food and a healthy planet.

Japan plans to remove several contaminants from the water through filtration processes and seeks proper governmental approvals to do so. It remains unclear just how dirty or how clean the water will be when dumped into the ocean. Japan says it will gradually release the contaminated water into the ocean over decades. No one really knows how this plan will be executed.

Communities near Fukushima do not approve of the idea of dumping contaminated water into the ocean. Some want to see more evidence of how the dumping will be safe. Pacific Islander communities such as the Fijians have expressed their concerns about this dumping. Other nations are worried about human health, fish stock health, and overall environmental health. China is vehemently opposed to the plan.

» Japan and its desire to release contaminated water from Fukushima into the Deep Blue Pacific Ocean Continent

Thousands of former Fukushima residents have permanently relocated from this prefecture and will never return. Many fear radiation exposure. Thousands of Japanese citizens are needed to help with the cleanup over the next several decades because, in addition to the contaminated water problem, nuclear waste and fuel rods need to be removed in the immediate area.

Why the Chamorro people of the Marianas Islands need to weigh in

The total risk profile for Pacific Islander civilizations will continue to grow should this water be released into the Pacific Ocean.

Climate change has and continues to literally threaten the livelihood of our Deep Blue Ocean civilization as sea levels continue to rise, extreme weather patterns set new normals, and our region of the world continues to become more and more militarized by the United States, Japan, China, Australia, and South Korea.

The release over time of over one million tons of contaminated water by Japan does not provide comfort, certainty, or goodwill with Pacific Islanders.

Perhaps the one thing in common that the Mariana Islands have with the Communist Party of China is this: both parties do not want to have more radioactive contaminants dumped into the Pacific Ocean. Outside of the Japanese government, few if any countries support the idea of dumping radioactive poisons into the sea.

Japan remains without a comprehensive regional plan to ensure that dumped water is not dangerous to marine ecosystems and human health.

What our Marianas civilization can do

Question the government of Japan. Ask what constitutes "safe" environmental contaminated water discharges.

What other poisons are contained in the water that is reportedly safe to dump?

What about levels of carbon-14 in the water?

Let's remember that close to 200,000 people in Japan were permanently displaced from their homes from the earthquake and ensuing tsunami that brought about so much damage to Fukushima. Close to 20,000 disappeared immediately following the earthquake and tsunami.

Mother Nature must be respected, and, in this case, it must be respected by Japan, which should not dump contaminated water into the open ocean. The United Nations argues that there are no documented cases of human sickness or death directly linked to the 2011 nuclear reactor accident. No one really seems to know precisely how dangerous this proposal will be, but using commonsense, this Japanese government proposal should be canned for now.

Various Pacific Island nations, including our American administered Mariana Islands, should register formal concerns with Japan's plan to poison the ocean. It is never too soon to act.

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Our laws and access to high-powered weapons don't allow us to stop tragedies like Uvalde

By CARMEN NAVARRO GERCONE
Chicago Tribune

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My husband and I currently have custody and are raising our grandsons, ages 6 and 8. My initial response to the atrocity in Uvalde, Texas, was as a law enforcement officer. I pored over every detail as it was released and contemplated how I could prevent or mitigate this from ever happening in Cook County. Then I went home and held my grandsons. We made sure to keep the news off, but like many of you, I could not sleep that night. My law enforcement response was to consider, over and over: How could this have been prevented?

The next morning, while dropping the boys off at school, my oldest grandson heard about the shooting on the radio. It was an emotional moment, and I had to explain to him what happened.

"Why would someone shoot little kids?" he asked.

I will never know how to answer that question. I cried, and then I promised him—over and over—that he would be safe in his school.

But is he safe? Are any of us? When is enough going to be enough to initiate the changes we need?

Mass shootings have happened across our country in schools, places of worship, grocery stores, concerts and even at a congressional baseball game. They have happened in our struggling city neighborhoods and in the most affluent areas of our country. Americans are being killed with regularity: Democrats and Republicans, law enforcement and civilians, adults and children. Why is nothing being done?

I am reacting as a mother, a grandmother, a sister whose brother was lost to violence and as a law enforcement leader. I am outraged and heartbroken and having moments of complete despair thinking about the precious lives that were lost.

I have talked with many friends and colleagues across the country, and I want to share what I am hearing: From what we know so far, there was no way to prevent, mitigate or interdict Tuesday's tragedy. There is no way to prevent this from happening again with our current laws and access to high-powered weapons.

In Uvalde, there were initial reports that officers exchanged gunfire with the shooter before he entered the school. We've now been told that he entered unobstructed, wearing tactical gear before allegedly barricading himself in a classroom. He killed a young girl as she attempted to dial 911. Officers say they "received fire" when they went in to confront the shooter. He shot at least 17 people who are still fighting for their lives

He killed 19 children and two teachers.

Parents have had to identify their slain children, and others have had to submit DNA because their babies became unidentifiable because of weapons legally purchased by an 18-year-old in this country.

You cannot be a politician who claims to be "pro-police" and expect us to respond to calls when we do not know if high-powered weapons are on the other side of the door.

You cannot be a politician who claims to be "pro-life" and support AR-15-style rifles being readily available to homicidal people who want to kill civilians and children.

You cannot be a politician who claims to send your "prayers" and feign outrage on social media and then take millions of dollars of donations from the National Rifle Association and vote against laws that would prevent the next mass shooting.

Now, it is up to voters to ensure that you cannot be a politician and do nothing. Cowardice is why this keeps happening throughout America—over and over—again.

I want my promise to my grandson to be the truth. I want him and all children to be safe.

Can this please be enough?

People, get your booster shots already

By FAYE FLAM
Bloomberg Opinion

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Fewer than half of eligible Americans have received a third COVID vaccine shot despite clear evidence of its benefit. That booster shot improves your odds of avoiding even mild omicron. So why haven't more people gotten it?

One reason may be that we're all over map in our risk of getting infected. That variability could be causing confusion over who should get how many booster shots and when. "I'm confused, and I'm on the FDA advisory committee", said Paul Offit, director of the vaccine education center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, on a recent video conference.

Another part of the problem is the term booster, he said. It might be clearer to redefine full vaccination to encompass two, three or four shots depending on various individual risk factors. But figuring that out won't be easy, since there are factors besides age and being immune-compromised that matter. Some people's antibodies hold up better than others and work better fighting the current variants.

That's why some people are getting COVID two or three times and others have never gotten it at all. About one in four Americans still haven't been infected with COVID-19, according to some estimates—and as far as I know, I'm one of them, though it's also possible I had an asymptomatic case. I'll find out soon, since I just gave a blood sample for a study that can decipher this and a lot more from the mix of antibodies I carry.

Though a third shot is obviously not 100% effective—nothing in medicine is—it vastly improves your odds of avoiding omicron, which is the family of variants that have dominated since the end of last year, said Duane Wesemann, an immunologist who is heading the study. He told me that earlier studies from his lab and others show that the third mRNA shot gives most of us more than a temporary increase in antibodies. It also improves the quality of our antibodies. The way he explains it, antibody-making cells, called B-cells, can grow to different levels of maturity. The most mature B-cells carry different mutations that allow them to produce antibodies with more diversity, improving the odds that some will be good at attacking the new variants that keep evolving.

The first two shots (or one shot of the J&J vaccine) still protect most of us against severe disease because our bodies retain virus-fighting T-cells, which are a sort of backup line of defense. They won't stop you from getting sick, but they will kick in to prevent the disease from becoming severe. But without any further shots, the circulating antibodies that had provided an earlier line of defense do almost nothing to stop an infection with omicron and its sub-variants BA.2 and BA.2.12.1.

The first two mRNA shots might have been too close together to allow these B-cells to mature, he said, and so the longer interval to the third shot might explain why those who received it make antibodies that neutralize omicron 20 to 30 times better than the initial shots. He explained this in more detail in a review article in Cell called Omicron's Message on Vaccines, as well as a research paper on his own lab's work in Science Immunology.

The long-term goal of Wesemann's new study, the one I enrolled in, is to find a pan-coronavirus vaccine—one that could protect people from COVID variants that have yet to evolve as well as any new coronaviruses we might encounter in the future. It's being conducted through the Ragon Institute, a collaboration of Harvard, MIT and Massachusetts General Hospital.

So far they have more than 200 volunteers and they're still accepting more. Lab tests that will be done on the samples can detect past infection in vaccinated people by looking for antibodies to a protein called nucleocapsid, which isn't elicited by the vaccine but is part of the full virus. They can also look at how my vaccine-induced antibodies are holding up.

Unfortunately, unless you're enrolled in a study like this one you probably don't know how good your current protection is. Vaccine protection wanes over time but not in a predictable or uniform way. Wesemann said some people are "sustainers"—they clear the virus easily when infected and retain a strong set of immune cells and antibodies. Understanding how could help scientists design a better vaccine.

It could also help doctors give better advice about who needs a fourth shot. Right now, the benefits of a second booster are far less clear. Offit, who is on the FDA advisory committee, said during that video conference in mid-May that he's had his third shot, but not the fourth. He's waiting for more evidence of a benefit.

There's no reason to wait on that third, shot, though. In fact, Wesemann said my booster, received way back in December, may have protected me against getting BA.2.12.1, an omicron variant now surging in the Northeastern US. It's supposed to be the latest in an ever-escalating series, about 25% more transmissible than BA.2, which has been estimated to be 30% more transmissible than the initial omicron, itself a whopping 50% more transmissible than the already wildly contagious delta, which had a 50% advantage over the highly transmissible alpha.

Some experts qualify these numbers by saying the variants might not be that much more inherently transmissible but instead are progressively better at evading immunity from past variants and the vaccines. Genes, past coronavirus infections and many other factors might also influence who getting infected despite a booster.

The message that everyone's going to get COVID might not be true, and the message that everyone is at risk undersells the value of that first booster. It's an odds game, so why not stack them in your favor by getting that extra shot?

TEACHERS

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and the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union, are opposed to arming teachers. A 2019 survey by Cal State Northridge of 2,926 teachers found that 95% said no to the idea. Most teachers believed the situation would make schools more dangerous.

They might well be right. The Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has tracked nearly 100 cases of guns dangerously mishandled on campuses, including a teacher's loaded gun falling from his waistband while he performed a cartwheel; a student grabbing an officer's gun; and a teacher accidentally firing a gun in class during a safety demonstration.

Do these delusional members of the GOP imagine that colleges of education will require handgun training, with weekly target-practice sessions for teachers out on the school playing field? Do they also imagine paying teachers at the same level as police officers, whose higher salaries are justified by the hazards that come with the job?

Let's not forget that police have bulletproof vests to protect them when encountering people with guns. Teachers, unless they are remarkably quick, agile and terrific shots, would be vulnerable to the first bullet fired as well as the daily stress of trying to ensure that students don't have access to the classroom gun.

We don't expect police officers to jump in as substitute teachers on a moment's notice and explain algebraic theory. It is ludicrous to demand teachers become substitute police officers in the rare event of an active shooter in their school. The job of teachers is to prepare young people for adult life. Let them do that without adding the responsibility of being an "armed officer against mass murderers" to the job description.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy. East southeast wind 5 to 7 mph.	Partly cloudy, with Isolated showers. East wind 7 to 10 mph.	Mostly sunny,	Partly sunny, with chance of showers.	Partly cloudy
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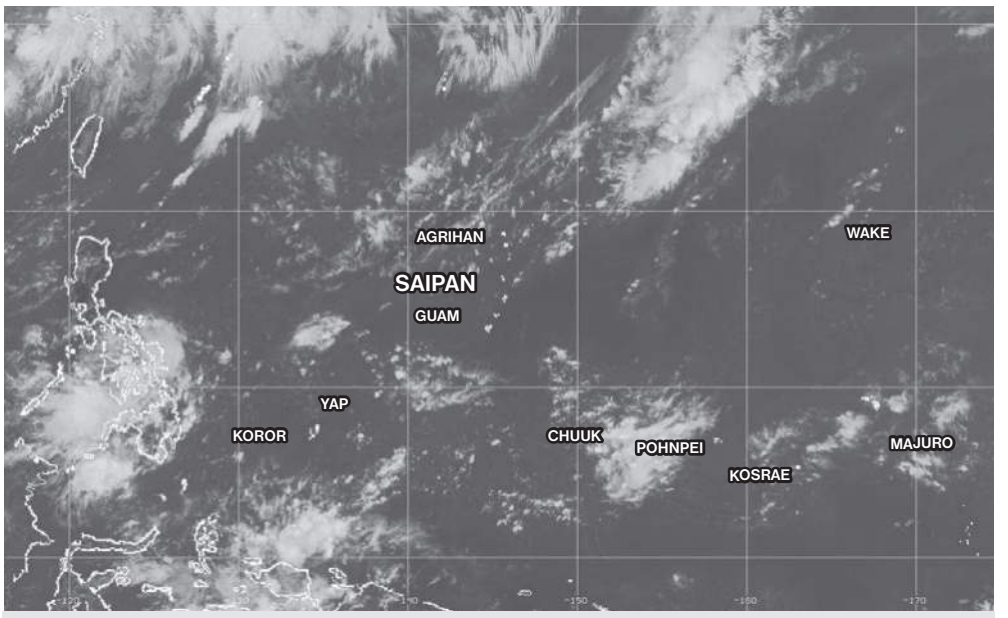
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Not too much is happening across the Marianas this morning. Satellite imagery shows spotty cumulus development with a random shower or two developing from time to time. Seas are light as the buoys show them averaging near 2 feet. The water temperature atthe Tanapag and Ritidian locations is 85 degrees, and 86 at the Ipan buoy.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	31 / 26 °F
Palau	PM Thunderstorms	28 / 24 °F
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Chuuk	Thunderstorms	29 / 25°F
Pohnpei	Few Showers	29 / 25 °F
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	30 / 26 °F
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	29 / 27 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:45 AM	18:45 PM
Tuesday	05:45 AM	18:45 PM
Wednesday	05:45 AM	18:46 PM
Thursday	05:46 AM	18:46 PM
Friday	05:46 AM	18:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	11:05	-	-
Tuesday	-	00:04 PM	11:56 PM
Wednesday	-	00:42 PM	12:46 PM
Thursday	-	01:19 PM	13:37 PM
Friday	-	01:56 PM	14:30 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Showers	18 / 13 °F
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	30 / 16 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	30 / 27 °F
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	29 / 23 °F
London	Showers	16 / 12 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	25 / 17 °F
Manila	PM Thunderstorms	33 / 27 °F
Melbourne	Showers	12 / 7 °F
Miami	PM Thunderstorms	30 / 24 °F
New York	Sunny	27 / 17 °F
Osaka	Rain	22 / 18 °F
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	22 / 15 °F
Busan	Thunderstorms	23 / 16 °F
Rome	Partly Cloudy	35 / 18 °F
Salem	Mostly Sunny	30 / 19 °F
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	20 / 11 2F
Seoul	Thundershowers	20 / 13 °F
Tokyo	Rain	18 / 16°F
Washington, DC	Sunny	29 / 17 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
01:23 AM	Low Tide	1.92
07:05 AM	High Tide	1.41
10:56 AM	Low Tide	1.65
6:28 PM	High Tide	0.26

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	7
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

A184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
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TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	7
BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3

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1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

CNMI is awarded $2M for outdoor recreation projects

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Land and Water Conservation Fund State and Local Assistance Program has apportioned $2,010,009 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for priority outdoor recreation projects benefiting the community.

Torres

In announcing the granting of the award, Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres said Friday: "I am grateful for this support from the U.S. Department of the Interior and for their partnership and collaboration, as this funding will greatly assist the CNMI in carrying out various conservation efforts through community and outdoor recreation projects that will benefit our islands."

The purposes of the LWCF Act are to support the acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities needed to support individual active participation in such recreation, and to promote the health and vitality of Americans. ***(PR)***

Team JKPL shines at library training workshop in Hawaii

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Team Joeten-Kiyu Public Library meet with federal grantors from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Pacific region affiliates for the Library Services Grants to the Pacific Region Training Workshop at the biennial meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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On May 9, 2022, library director Erlinda C. Naputi, Technical Services librarian Beth Demapan, and library assistant Caitlyn Crisostomo presented on the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library-CNMI State Library 5-Year Strategic Goals (2018-2022), Programs, Services, Highlights, and Evaluation of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tinian Public Library, Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota), Bookmobile/Technology Mobile Express, and the Fernando M. Benavente Memorial Library.

Team JKPL also met with Pacific region leaders from public libraries from Guam, American Samoa, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands to discuss best practices and information sharing.

Following the training workshop, Team JKPL met with department heads from the Hawaii State Library, UH Manoa's Hawaiian and Pacific Collection, Hawaii Library for the Blind and Print Disabled under the Library of Congress, Hawaii Library Association, Waikiki Public Library, and Kaimuki Public Library to share best practices; to discuss professional development opportunities; and to strengthen partnerships with regional affiliates.

"It was truly a great honor to present the amazing programs, services, highlights, and evaluation in which we have been actively engaging with our Saipan, Tinian, and Rota community," said Naputi. ***(PR)***

CUC ADVISORIES

Power service interruptions on June 8 and 9

There will be scheduled power service interruptions on June 8 and 9, 2022, as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing system maintenance.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

Time: 9am to 1pm

o Area(s) Affected: Coastal Drive in Sadog Tasi.

■ Purpose: To perform vegetation clearing on five spans on Coastal Drive in Sadog Tasi.

■ Circuit: Feeder 4

■ Water Well(s) Affected: SQ-10, SQ-11and R-1.

o Area(s) Affected: Upper and Lower Navy Hill, China Town and the entire Garapan.

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: None

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

■ Time:

o 6am to 11am

■ Area(s) Affected: Garapan (Plumeria Steakhouse, Grandvrio Resort, Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center Building, ABC Store, Serenti Hotel, Cha Café & Bistro, American Pizza & Grill, Paris Croissant & Café, Panda House Waffles, New Shin Restaurant, I Love Saipan and ARC Building).

o 6am to 7:30am

■ Area(s) Affected: Garapan Beach Road.

■ Circuit: Feeder 2

■ Water Well(s) Affected: None

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: S-4 Lift Station, however, no areas will be affected.

Water service interruptions on Achive Lane in Fina Sisu

There will be scheduled water service interruptions from June 8 to June 10, 2022, from 8am to 5pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in Achive Lane in Fina Sisu.

This will allow CUC's contractor for the Fina Sisu Waterline Replacement Project to perform the water meter relocation, installation and reconnection to the new service lateral from the new 6-inch PVC waterline at Achive Lane. Water service to the affected area will resume soon after.

This project is part of the Fina Sisu Waterline Replacement Project to provide a more reliable water system to the people of the CNMI. It is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

ELECTRONIC GOLF CARTS
NMC IFB 22-0005

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of Two (2) Electronic Golf Carts Equipment for Saipan Campus.

The bid specifications and Scope of Work packet may be pick up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. P, commencing Monday, May 09, 2022 between the hours of 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Electronic packet, Anita Camacho email: anita.camacho@marianas.edu

Bid submission
Procurement & Property Management Office, Bldg. P,
As Terlaje Campus Saipan
Due Date and Time: 10:00am, June 10, 2022, ChST

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through USDA-Rural Development Community Facilities- Disaster Grant Case Number 62-005-91982292.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid offers for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

Approved by:

/s/ Anita Camacho
Procurement & Property Manager

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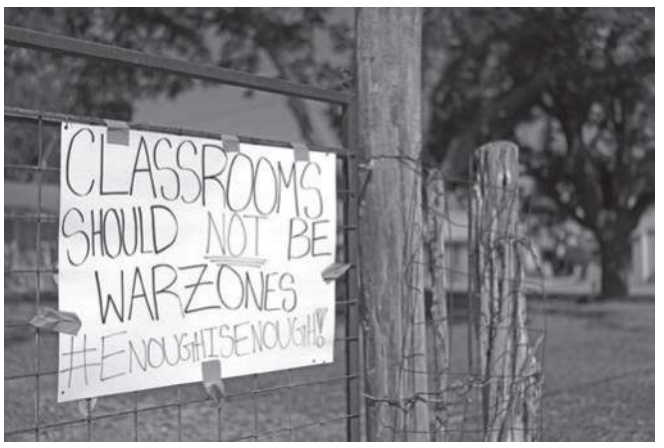
Nation

Teachers after Texas attack: 'None of us are built for this'

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)—Teacher Jessica Salfia was putting up graduation balloons last month at her West Virginia high school when two of them popped, setting off panic in a crowded hallway between classes.

One student dropped to the floor. Two others lunged into open classrooms. Salfia quickly shouted, "It's balloons! Balloons!" and apologized as the teenagers realized the noise didn't come from gunshots.



A sign asking for a change hangs on a fence near Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, Friday, June 3, 2022. AP

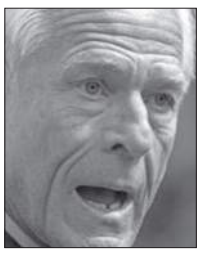
The moment of terror at Spring Mills High School in Martinsburg, about 80 miles (124 kilometers) northwest of Washington happened May 23, the day before a gunman fatally shot 19 children and two teachers in a classroom in Uvalde, Texas. The reaction reflects the fear that pervades the nation's schools and taxes its teachers—even those who have never experienced such violence—and it comes on top of the strain imposed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Salfia has a more direct connection to gun threats than most. Her mother, also a West Virginia teacher, found herself staring down a student with a gun in her classroom seven years ago. After talking to him for some two hours, she was hailed for her role in helping bring the incident to a peaceful end.

For any teacher standing in front of a classroom in 21st century America, the job seems to ask the impossible. Already expected to be guidance counselors, social workers, surrogate parents and more to their students, teachers are sometimes called on to be protectors, too.

Ex-Trump aide Navarro indicted; Meadows won't be charged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Trump White House official Peter Navarro has been indicted on charges that he refused to cooperate with a congressional investigation into the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, but the Justice Department spared two other advisers, including the ex-president's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, from criminal prosecution.


Navarro

The department's decision to not prosecute Meadows and Dan Scavino, another adviser to former President Donald Trump, was revealed in a letter sent Friday by a federal prosecutor to a lawyer for the House of Representatives. The move was reported hours after the indictment of Navarro and a subsequent, fiery court appearance in which he vowed to contest the contempt of Congress charges.

The flurry of activity comes just days before the House committee leading the investigation into the riot at the Capitol holds a primetime hearing aimed at presenting the American public with evidence it has collected about how the assault unfolded.

Woman buoyed by support after viral pastor confrontation

By PETER SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bobi Gephart hadn't planned to go to church that Sunday — not to the worship service where the pastor intended to make a confession about the oppressive secret she had carried for so long.

But she quickly changed her mind, realizing she couldn't trust the pastor – the man she says began sexually preying on her as a teenager – to share the whole truth.

Gephart hurried to New Life Christian Church & World Outreach in Warsaw, Indiana, arriving mid-service, and made sure her story was told.

Nearly a million viewers have witnessed what happened next in that May 22 confrontation, captured on video and posted on Facebook.

John B. Lowe II, the congregation's longtime pastor, confessed on stage to "adultery" 20 years earlier. "I sinned," he said, acknowledging he never previously admitted it publicly "to protect myself."

Bobi and her husband, Nate Gephart, who had been watching from the congregation, then walked onto the stage and took the microphone.

"If you love us, please let us talk," Nate said, handing the mic to his wife.

It was 27 years, she said, not 20, that she had "lived in a prison of lies and shame."

"For years, I thought I was a horrible person, having suicidal thoughts, not realizing what had truly been done to me, that I was a victim," she told him. "I was just 16 when you took my virginity on your office floor. Do you remember that? I know you do."

She told Lowe "you kept me in your prison," but "I'm a prisoner no longer."

Bobi Gephart, now 43, told The Associated Press she wanted the church community to know the truth and had no idea the video, recorded by a family member in the congregation, would generate such a viral response. She's received "overwhelming support," she said.

"I didn't realize how much this is helping and will help people," she said. People "not just in this area but all over the world are reaching out to me. Their stories are so heartbreaking."

ACROSS THE NATION

Biden evacuated after plane entered airspace near beach home

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. (AP)—A small private airplane mistakenly entered restricted airspace near President Joe Biden's Delaware vacation home Saturday, prompting the brief evacuation of the president and first lady, the White House and the Secret Service said. The White House said there was no threat to Biden or his family and that precautionary measures were taken. After the situation was assessed, Biden and his wife, Jill, returned to their Rehoboth Beach home. The Secret Service said in a statement that the plane was immediately escorted from the restricted airspace after "mistakenly entering a secured area." The agency said it would interview the pilot who, according to a preliminary investigation, was not on the proper radio channel and was not following published flight guidance.

1 dead, 8 hurt in overnight shooting at Phoenix strip mall

PHOENIX (AP)—A 14-year-old girl was killed and eight others were wounded early Saturday in a shooting amid a crowd of people at a strip mall northwest of downtown Phoenix, police said. Sgt. Andy Williams told reporters that nine people were taken to hospitals after the 1 a.m. shooting sent people running near 10th Avenue and Hatcher Road. The 14-year-old girl died after being taken to the hospital, two women have life-threatening injuries, and six have injuries that are not life-threatening. In an interview posted by ABC 15 Williams said no suspects were immediately identified and no arrests were made while authorities pieced together witness accounts. Williams said it appeared that a handgun was used after an argument erupted among those gathered for what he termed "some sort of party."

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Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information can be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net and www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com.

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World

At least 28 dead in fire at Bangladesh container depot

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A massive fire at a container depot near a port city in southeastern Bangladesh killed at least 28 people and injured more than 100 others, officials and local media said Sunday, as firefighters struggled to get the blaze under control.

The fire at the BM Inland Container Depot, a Dutch-Bangladesh joint venture, broke out around midnight Saturday following explosions in a container full of chemicals. The cause of the fire could not be immediately determined. The depot is located in Chittagong, 216 kilometers (134 miles) southeast of the capital, Dhaka.

At least five firefighters were among the dead, according to Brig. Gen. Main Uddin, director general of the Bangladesh fire service and civil defense. Another 15 firefighters were being treated for burn injuries, he added.

Multiple rounds of explosions occurred after the initial blast as the fire continued to spread, Uddin said. Explosives experts from Bangladesh's military have been called in to assist the firefighters. The explosions shattered the windows of nearby buildings and were felt as far as 4 kilometers away, officials and local media reports said.

Firefighters were still working to bring the fire under control on Sunday.

The death toll reached 28 by late morning on Sunday, according to Ekattor TV station, and the area's civil surgeon said the number could still rise further. Many of the casualties happened at Chattogram Medical College Hospital, while the rest of the bodies were recovered from the site of the fire.

Many of the containers in the depot are believed to have held chemicals. The depot handles goods for export and import and is located about 20 kilometers from the country's main Chittagong Seaport.

Bangladesh has a history of industrial disasters, including factories catching fire with workers trapped inside. Monitoring groups have blamed corruption and lax enforcement for deadly incidents over the years.

Global brands, which employ tens of thousands of low-paid workers in Bangladesh, have come under fire to improve factory conditions in recent years. In the country's massive garment industry, which employs about 4 million people, safety conditions have improved significantly after massive reforms, but experts say accidents could still occur if other sectors do not make similar changes.

In 2012, about 117 workers died when they were trapped behind locked exits in a garment factory in Dhaka.

The country's worst industrial disaster occurred the following year, when the Rana Plaza garment factory outside Dhaka collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.

In 2019, a blaze ripped through a 400-year-old area cramped with apartments, shops and warehouses in the oldest part of Dhaka and killed at least 67 people. Another fire in Old Dhaka in a house illegally storing chemicals killed at least 123 people in 2010.

In 2021, a fire at a food and beverage factory outside Dhaka killed at least 52 people, many of whom were trapped inside by an illegally locked door.

Russian missiles strike Kyiv, shattering sense of calm

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—A barrage of Russian missiles struck Ukraine's capital early Sunday, hitting unspecified "infrastructure" targets, Kyiv's mayor said. No one was reported killed, with one person hospitalized with injuries.

But the attack shattered a sense of calm in Kyiv, which hadn't seen similar strikes since the April 28 visit of U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres.

The missile strikes hit the Darnytski and Dniprovski districts in the city and that emergency services had arrived to the scene, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said on the Telegram messaging app. Air raid sirens had gone off around the time of the blasts.

An acrid smell of smoke filled the air in the Darnystki district of eastern Kviv, with a billowing pillar of smoke rising in the sky. Soldiers and police blocked off a main road to the site. Smoke billowed from the charred and blackened wreckage of a warehouse-type structure.

Elsewhere, Russian forces continued their push in eastern Ukraine, with missile and airstrikes carried out on cities and villages of the Luhansk region.

Luhansk governor Serhiy Haidai said on Telegram that "airstrikes by Ka-52 helicopters were carried out in the areas of Girske and Myrna Dolyna, by Su-25 aircraft - on Ustynivka," while Lysychansk was hit by a missile from the Tochka-U complex.

A total of 13 houses were damaged in Girske, and five in Lysychansk. Another airstrike was reported in the eastern city of Kramatorsk by its mayor Oleksandr Goncharenko. No one was killed in the attack, he said, but two of the city's enterprises sustained "significant damage."

On Sunday morning, Ukraine's General Staff accused Russian forces of using phosphorus munitions in the Kharkiv region and said noted that Moscow continues to carry out missile and airstrikes on military and civilian infrastructure, including in Kyiv.

The General Staff said in its morning update that the Russian troops used phosphorus munitions in the area of the Cherkaski Tyshky village in the Kharkiv region. The claim couldn't be independently verified.

The update also confirmed strikes on Kyiv, which occurred in the early hours of Sunday. It wasn't immediately clear from the statement which infrastructure facilities in Kyiv were hit.

The General Staff also said that the Russian forces continue assault operations in Sievierodonetsk in the eastern Luhansk region, one of two key cities left to be captured there. The Russians currently control the eastern part of the city, the update said, and are focusing on encircling Ukrainian forces in the area and "blocking off main logistical routes."

In the Black Sea, the General Staff said, five naval-based Kalibr cruise missiles stood ready to be used.

At 83, Japanese becomes oldest to sail solo across Pacific

Japan's Kenichi Horie waves on his sailing boat after his trans-Pacific voyage, at Osaka Bay, western Japan, Saturday, June 4, 2022. AP

TOKYO (AP)—An 83-year-old Japanese adventurer returned home Saturday after successfully completing his solo, nonstop voyage across the Pacific, becoming the oldest person to reach the milestone.

Kenichi Horie arrived in the Kii Strait off Japan's western coast, completing his trans-Pacific voyage in 69 days after leaving a yacht harbor in San Francisco in March.

It was the latest achievement for the octogenarian adventurer, who in 1962 became the first person in the world to successfully complete a solo nonstop voyage across the Pacific from Japan to San Francisco.

Sixty years later, he traveled the opposite route.

"I just crossed the finish line. I'm tired," he wrote in his blog after reaching Japan in the early hours of Saturday.

He said that his sailing boat, Suntory Mermaid III, was to be toed after the sunrise for an expected arrival at his home port of Shin Nishinomiya yacht harbor in the evening. Local media said a welcome ceremony will be held Sunday.

His achievement came after three days of struggle with the pushback from a strong tide. He wrote in his blog Friday that he succeeded but was exhausted and took a nap after feeling assured that his yacht was now on the right track to the finish line.

Horie's return to Japan makes him the world's oldest person to complete a solo, nonstop crossing of the Pacific, according to his sponsors.

Horie has also achieved a number of other long distance solo voyages, including sailing around the world in 1974. His latest expedition was the first since his 2008 solo nonstop voyage on a wave-powered boat from Hawaii to the Kii Strait.

WORLD BRIEFS

5th victim found in train wreckage in southern Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Police said Saturday the body of a fifth victim has been been found beneath a train that derailed Friday in the Alps in southern Germany. The man's body was uncovered after initial attempts to lift the derailed carriages failed. Recovery workers had to wait for a heavy crane to be brought to the site near the resort town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The cause of the derailment was under investigation.

8 killed, 15 injured in factory fire in northern India

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—At least eight workers were killed and over a dozen others injured after a fire erupted in a chemical factory in northern India, police said Saturday. The fire broke out after a boiler exploded in the factory in the Hapur area of Uttar Pradesh state, said senior police officer Pravin Kumar. The injured have been hospitalized and three of them were in critical condition, he said. The intensity of the blast blew off the factory's roof, said Ajay Mishra, a rescue worker. Authorities ordered an investigation.

North Korea test-fires salvo of short-range missiles

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea test-fired a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles from multiple locations toward the sea on Sunday, South Korea's military said, extending a provocative streak in weapons demonstrations this year that U.S. and South Korean officials say may culminate with a nuclear test explosion. Possibly setting a single-day record for North Korean ballistic launches, eight missiles were fired in succession over 35 minutes from at least four different locations, including from western and eastern coastal areas and two inland areas north of and near the capital, Pyongyang, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It said the missiles flew 110 to 670 kilometers (68 to 416 miles) at maximum altitudes of 25 to 80 kilometers (15 to 56 miles) while reaching speeds of Mach 3 to 6.

Philippine volcano spews ash and steam, alarms villagers

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A volcano southeast of the Philippine capital spewed ash and steam about a kilometer (half a mile) into the sky in a brief steam-driven explosion on Sunday, scattering ash in nearby villages and alarming residents, officials said. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology raised the alert level at Mount Bulusan in Sorsogon province following the 17-minute blast but added there was no sign of an impending major eruption. One of the country's most active volcanoes, Bulusan has been showing signs of unrest with on-and-off ash and steam explosions in recent years. "It is currently in an abnormal condition," the government volcanology institute said of Bulusan and asked people to stay away from a 4-kilometer (2.4-mile) permanent danger zone around the volcano.

Health & Wellness

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Infant formula do's and don'ts

By BARBARA INTERMILL
MONTEREY HERALD

With the recent recall and subsequent shortage of certain infant formulas, parents are scrambling to find appropriate alternatives. Are there any?

For moms who breastfeed their babies, keep on nursing. Breastfeeding exclusively for the first 6 months of life provides the best nutrition and health protection for babies.

From 6 to 12 months, mom's milk should be complemented with the slow addition of solid foods. Youngsters are then ready for cow's milk by 1 year of age.

For various reasons, however, many babies from birth to 12 months require infant formula to meet their nutritional needs during this critical time of life. What are these parents to do if no formula is available?

One thing is clear, says the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Do not make or feed your infant homemade formula. There is too much chance for homemade varieties to lack essential nutrients or contain the wrong balance of important substances that could cause serious consequences.

You also don't want to dilute formula with water to make it last longer, experts say. An imbalance of too much water and too few essential nutrients can lead to dangerous seizures and other complications in infants.

Although many infant formulas are made with cow's milk that has been specially processed to resemble breast milk, it's not a good idea to substitute regular cow's milk for formula, says the American Academy of Pediatrics. Before 1 year of age, cow's milk is too high in protein and can be hard on young kidneys. That's why they recommend formula instead of cow's milk for the first 12 months of life.

So what are the alternatives when formula is in short supply? Here are some ideas:

Contact your child's pediatrician. They may have spare formula on hand or can advise you on a safe alternative formula for the time being.

Contact your local food bank, public health department, or WIC (Women, Infants and Children) office for assistance.

If your infant is close to a year of age, formulas made for toddlers may be a safe alternative. Check with your pediatrician first, however.

In a real pinch, the AAP recently (and cautiously) approved cow's milk for a brief period of time (not more than one week) in babies who are 7 to 12 months of age. Because cow's milk does not contain as much iron as infant formula, make sure to feed your infant plenty of iron-containing foods such as meat or iron-fortified cereals, say these experts.

Soy milk fortified with calcium and vitamin D might be another option for infants close to 1 year of age but again, not for more than one week. Do avoid almond and other plant-based milks, however; they are too low in protein and other nutrients essential for baby's health.

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Life after cancer

By LAUREL KELLY
MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

National Cancer Survivors Day was observed Sunday, June 5, which make this a good time to learn more about life after cancer.

One in 3 people will be diagnosed with cancer, and more than 16.9 million cancer survivors are alive today, according to the American Cancer Society. Survival rates are improving for many types of cancer, thanks to advances in cancer screening and treatment.

Many cancer treatments take a toll, though, in the form of side effects and permanent changes. As a cancer survivor, here are some things to consider.

Improve your long-term health

Beyond your initial recovery, you can take steps to improve your long-term health so that you can enjoy the years ahead as a cancer survivor.

The healthy living recommendations for cancer survivors are the same as the recommendations for anyone else:

- Exercise.
- Eat a balanced diet.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Get good sleep.
- Reduce stress.
- Avoid tobacco.
- Limit the amount of alcohol you drink.

These healthy lifestyle strategies can improve your sense of well-being, enhance your quality of life and smooth your transition into survivorship.

Late side effects of cancer treatment

As more people are living longer after cancer treatment, more is becoming known about late side effects of cancer treatment. These are side effects of cancer treatment that become apparent after your treatment has ended.

Late effects of cancer treatment can come from any of the main types of cancer treatment: chemotherapy, hormone therapy, radiation, surgery, targeted therapy and immunotherapy.

Cancer survivors might experience late effects of cancer treatment years later. Not everyone who has cancer treatment gets each of the late effects, and some people might not experience any late effects of treatment. It isn't clear whether late effects are preventable or why some people might experience late effects while others don't.

Managing your emotions after cancer treatment

As a cancer survivor, you may have mixed emotions about completing your treatment plan. Though you, your friends and your family are all eager to return to a more normal life, it can be scary to leave the protective cocoon of health care professionals who supported you through treatment.

Fear of recurrence is common among cancer survivors. Though they may go years without any sign of disease, cancer survivors say the thought of recurrence is always with them. You might worry that every ache or pain is a sign of your cancer recurring.

Lingering feelings of sadness and anger can interfere with your daily life. Feeling as if others can't understand what you've been through can lead to loneliness, and the urge to make up for lost time can cause stress.

All of these feelings are normal and common. Recovering from cancer treatment isn't just about your body. It's also about healing your mind.

A circle of support

Your friends and family can provide an important circle of support. Navigating relationships can be a challenge for cancer survivors transitioning to life after treatment, though. Changes to responsibilities and roles during your treatment can upset dynamics within relationships. Differing emotional responses and expectations can be upsetting.

One way for cancer survivors to prepare for relationship difficulties is to expect these problems and plan accordingly.

Life after cancer

A cancer diagnosis can change your life forever. It's important to remember that each person finds their own way of coping with the emotional and physical changes cancer brings.

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National Cancer Survivors Day was observed Sunday, June 5.

These 3 things this doctor learned from his stroke could save your life

By PATRICK MCCRELESS
THE STATE (COLUMBIA, S.C.)

Dr. Julian Kim was teaching a minor surgical procedure in Cleveland when he started walking funny.

He didn't notice it, but someone else in the operating room did.

"I actually had a bleed into my brain … related to high blood pressure," Kim said. "I didn't even know I had high blood pressure."

Kim had a stroke that day.

He survived in part because he was in a hospital and received immediate care with medication to lower his blood pressure. It still took him six months of physical therapy to recover but, five years later, he's working as a cancer surgeon at Prisma Health in Columbia and says he's healthier than ever.

He'd just rather have known back then what he knows now.

"I just hadn't been exposed to a lot of what is known about strokes," Kim said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stroke is a leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of serious disability for adults. It is also preventable. Stroke was the fifth leading cause of death in South Carolina in 2019, statistics from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control show.

Here are 3 things Kim learned through his experience that could help others prevent strokes or recognize warning signs to possibly save their lives.

Blood pressure the silent killer

Kim said high blood pressure is referred to as the silent killer and he can believe it, given that he didn't even know it was causing him to have a stroke as it was happening.

"I was awake and talking," Kim said.

Kim said he never really considered that he was living with high blood pressure, since at the time he was in his 50s, exercising regularly and mostly feeling fine.

"I was having some headaches that in hindsight we think was related to the stroke," Kim said. "Leading up to the stroke, I was asking my secretary for Tylenol — turns out it was a sign. I was not having chest pain, that's why they say high blood pressure could be the silent killer."

Sleep apnea can be a warning sign

After his stroke, Kim learned he had sleep apnea, a type of sleeping disorder that's associated with a higher risk for strokes, studies have shown. Kim said he used to snore at night but didn't think much of it.

"I didn't know I had it," Kim said of sleep apnea. "It was a warning sign that even as a physician, I was not paying attention to."

Kim now sleeps using a CPAP machine, which prevents snoring and sleep apnea.

"My sleep is much better," he said.

Get regular checkups

Kim said since his stroke, he has not only improved his diet, lost weight and exercised more, he started seeing a family physician regularly.

"Prior to the stroke, I didn't see a doctor because I was feeling fine and was exercising," Kim said. "It really illustrates the importance of yearly checkups … even if you feel fine, exercise regularly, it doesn't mean you don't have an issue like high blood pressure."

Below are other signs of a stroke, according to the CDC. Acting quickly to get medical care could greatly reduce the chance of death or disability.

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or lack of coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Life & Style

Harvey Weinstein's rape conviction upheld by appeals court

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York appeals court on Thursday upheld Harvey Weinstein's rape conviction and 23-year prison sentence, rejecting the former movie mogul's claim that the judge at his landmark #MeToo trial unfairly allowed women to testify about allegations that weren't part of the case.

The ruling by a five-judge panel in the state's intermediate appeals court affirmed one of the highest-profile verdicts to date in America's reckoning with sexual misconduct by powerful figures—an era that began with a flood of allegations against Weinstein.

Weinstein's publicist, Juda Engelmayer, said he is reviewing his options and will seek to appeal the decision to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals.

"We are disappointed, but not surprised," Engelmayer said.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who took office in January while Weinstein's appeal was pending, said in a statement that prosecutors were "gratified by today's decision, which upholds a monumental conviction that changed the way prosecutors and courts approach complex prosecutions of sexual predators."

Weinstein, 70, was convicted in New York in February 2020 of forcibly performing oral sex on a TV and film production assistant, Mimi Haley, in 2006 and raping an aspiring actress in 2013. He was acquitted of first-degree rape and two counts of predatory sexual assault stemming from actor Annabella Sciorra's allegations of a mid-1990s rape.

Avenatti gets 4 years in prison for cheating Stormy Daniels

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Avenatti was sentenced Thursday to four years in prison for stealing book proceeds from Stormy Daniels, the porn actress who catapulted him to fame as he represented her in courtrooms and cable news programs during her legal battles with then-President Donald Trump.

Avenatti

The California lawyer, currently incarcerated, learned his fate in Manhattan federal court, where Judge Jesse M. Furman said the sentence will mean that Avenatti will spend another 2 1/2 years in prison on top of the 2 1/2 years he is already serving after another fraud conviction.

The judge said Avenatti's crime against Daniels was made "out of desperation" when his law firm was struggling. He called Avenatti's behavior "craven and egregious" and blamed it on "blind ambition." He also required Avenatti to pay $148,000 in restitution and forfeit the roughly $297,000 that prosecutors say he stole from Daniels.

The judge said he believed the sentence "will send a message to lawyers" that, if they go astray, they will lose their profession and their liberty.

Avenatti wearing a drab beige prison uniform, choked up several times as he delivered a lengthy statement before the sentence was announced, saying he had "disappointed scores of people and failed in a cataclysmic way."

Police: Man smashes ancient museum artifacts worth millions

DALLAS (AP)—A man broke into the Dallas Museum of Art and caused more than $5 million in damage, including smashing three ancient Greek artifacts before he was arrested, police said.

Brian Hernandez, 21, is charged with criminal mischief of more than or equal to $300,000, which is punishable by five years to life in prison. He was booked Thursday into the Dallas County jail with bond set at $100,000. Jail records list no attorney for Hernandez.

According to police, Hernandez used a metal chair to break into the museum about 9:45 p.m. Wednesday and began a destructive rampage.

He broke into a display case and smashed a 6th century B.C. Greek amphora and a Greek pot dating to 450 B.C. Police say those two items alone were worth about $5 million. Also smashed were a bowl from 6th century B.C., worth about $100,000, and a ceramic Caddo effigy bottle valued at about $10,000.

Building security rushed to apprehend Hernandez, who was unarmed, police said. It was not immediately known what prompted the incident.

The attack came three days after a man disguised as an elderly woman threw cake at the glass protecting the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum in Paris. The assault left a creamy white smear on the glass, but the Mona Lisa was not damaged.

Shakira and soccer star Gerard Piqué confirm split

MADRID (AP)—Colombian pop star Shakira and her partner, Spanish soccer player Gerard Piqué, are splitting up, the pair said Saturday.

"We regret to confirm that we are separating," the two said in a statement released by Shakira's public relations firm. "For the well-being of our children, who are our highest priority, we ask that you respect our privacy. Thank you for your understanding."

Shakira, 45, met the Barcelona defender while she was promoting her 2010 World Cup anthem, "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)." The couple have two children, Sasha and Milan.

In recent days, rumors of the demise of the couple's 11-year relationship had gripped Spanish media, fueled by reports that Piqué, 35, had left the family's home in Barcelona and was living by himself in the city.

Colombian singer Shakira, right, and FC Barcelona's soccer player Gerard Pique pose to the media during the presentation of her new album "Shakira" in Barcelona, Spain, on March 20, 2014. AP

While Shakira is one of the world's premier musical artists for her songs and live performances, Piqué is one of European soccer's top defenders. For a decade, the two were portrayed as two halves of a happy partnership that allowed both to continue thriving as extremely popular entertainers.

Woman testifies Cosby forcibly kissed her when she was 14

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—A woman testified Friday that she was 14 when Bill Cosby took her into a trailer on a movie set in 1975, grabbed her so she couldn't move her arms, and kissed her.

"I was struggling to get away," she said. "It was very shocking."

The woman, now 61, told her story in a public venue for the first time during a Los Angeles County civil trial over the lawsuit of Judy Huth, who alleges Cosby sexually assaulted her at the Playboy Mansion when she was 16 at around the same time, in the spring of 1975.

The woman testified that she, her mother, and other family and friends were on the Los Angeles set of the film "Let's Do It Again," starring Cosby and Sidney Poitier, where Cosby had invited them to act as extras after meeting them at a tennis tournament a few months earlier.

She said Cosby invited her alone into his trailer to help him straighten the bow tie he was wearing for a scene.

"He immediately grabbed me," she said. "He started kissing me, all over my face, tongue down my throat."

Asked by Huth's attorney Nathan Goldberg how tightly Cosby was holding her, she replied, "enough that I couldn't get away."

After about 30 seconds she pulled free and left.

Boyfriend seems interested only in partner's bankroll

DEAR ABBY: When my boyfriend found out I have the money to do it, he asked me to pay off his car. Now, because I said no, he won't answer the phone or talk to me. I have helped him in the past, but he continues to ask me for money. I think he's using me. He tries to make me feel guilty by accusing me of not caring about him because, "If I did, I would pay off his car."

I'm 58 years old, and the money I have is for me to live comfortably, not to spend on him. I told him as much, and he still insists I should help him with his bills. We live separately, and I suspect he's really just interested in the money, but I'm afraid of being lonely. What should I do?

WELL-OFF IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WELL-OFF: There are worse things than being lonely (for a while). Chief among them is knowing you are being used by someone who cares nothing about you beyond what he can extract from you. What you "should" do is kick him to the curb and not look back. There are better days ahead for you if you do.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a hard time navigating a recurring situation in our marriage. My husband is friendly with three brothers. They hang out often and sometimes drink. Their sister sometimes hangs out with them, too.

I'm uncomfortable with my husband getting drunk when she's around. He continues to do it, though, in spite of my concerns. Last night, he was at his friend's house from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. She was there for part of the drinking and partying. I really have a hard time with this. What should we do?

UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Although coming home at 6 a.m. is awfully late, it may have happened because he was too drunk to drive home earlier. I have trouble believing anything untoward would happen with the sister in the presence of her three brothers. Has your husband done anything to cause your insecurity? If not, you need to work on your jealousy and trust issues. If, however, he HAS, then you need to work TOGETHER to get to the root of what is going wrong in your marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: My son's fiancee has just informed me that I need to send her my guest list for the wedding, and she will let me know to whom she will send invitations. When I asked if she meant that there was a limited number of guests, she said no, but she didn't want people there who didn't mean anything to her. She's from the East Coast, and my son met her in college in another state, so she doesn't know many of our family members or friends. How do I respond to this? Thank you.

MOTHER-OF-THE-GROOM

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR MOTHER: It appears your son's fiancee has "forgotten" that after marriage there are two sides to the family. Respond by bringing your son into the conversation. He's in the perfect position to explain to his bride-to-be who the people on the guest list are so she'll have some insight about whom to invite. (Include those details on the proposed guest list you send to them.) That information will be important to her during the wedding celebrations and also (fingers crossed) during their long, happy life together.

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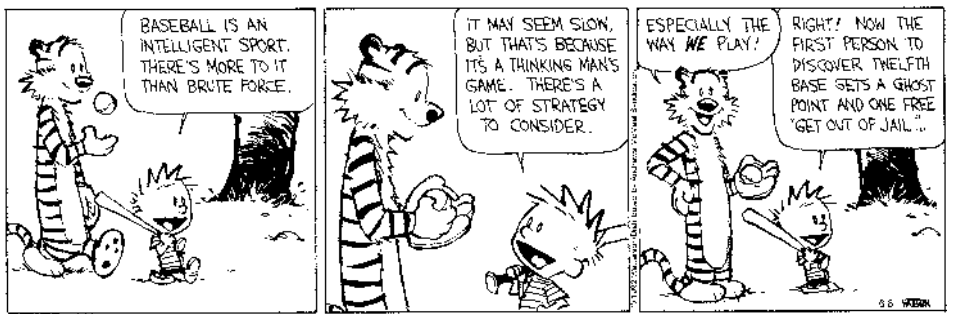
What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


BASEBALL IS AN INTELLIGENT SPORT. THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN BRUTE FORCE.
IT MAY SEEM SLOW, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S A THINKING MAN'S GAME. THERE'S A LOT OF STRATEGY TO CONSIDER.
ESPECIALLY THE WAY WE PLAY!
RIGHT! NOW THE FIRST PERSON TO DISCOVER THELFTH BASE GETS A GHOST POINT AND ONE FREE "GET OUT OF JAIL".

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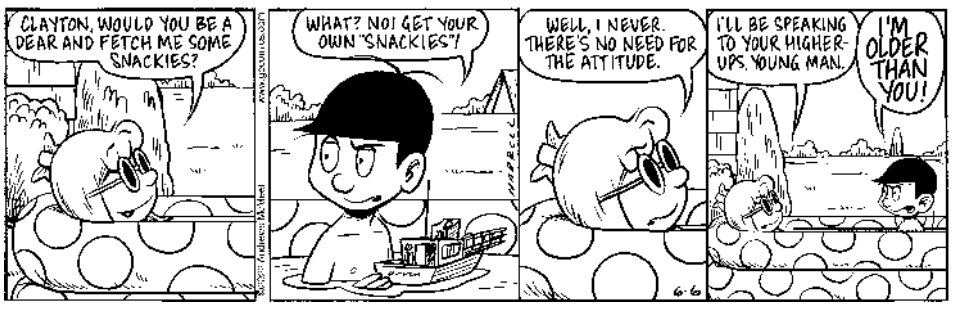
CLAYTON, WOULD YOU BE A DEAR AND FETCH ME SOME SNACKIES?
WHAT? NO! GET YOUR OWN SNACKIES!
WELL, I NEVER. THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE ATTITUDE.
I'LL BE SPEAKING TO YOUR HIGHER-UPS, YOUNG MAN.
I'M OLDER THAN YOU!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

STRIKE THREE! YOU'RE OUT!!
YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT WAS A BALL!!
REALLY? A BALL? WOW! SORRY ABOUT THAT! I GUESS I WAS MISTAKEN. YOU CAN KEEP BATTING.
REALLY?
NO.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cauldron
4 Motor homes
7 Roof overhang
11 Fencing sword
13 Plant seeds
14 Marvel superheroes
15 Deserve
16 "Little piggie"
17 "Othello" villain
18 "Symposium" philosopher
20 Thaw
22 Harry Potter pal
24 Old Spanish coin
28 President Lincoln
32 Razor sharpener
33 Hammer part
34 Tavern
36 Ocho —, Jamaica
37 Sand castle site
39 Wondrous event
41 Binges
43 Dugout item
44 Church song
46 Category
50 Greek cheese
53 Sailor's "yes"
55 Actor Richard
56 Daring Knievel
57 Concorde, e.g.
58 Luke's mentor
59 Southern pronoun
60 Furtive laugh
61 Fanatic

DOWN
1 Incubator noise
2 Lustrous gem
3 Prefix with byte
4 Letters after Q
5 "Va-va-—!"
6 Use a broom
7 Vacating ploy
8 "I — Rock"
9 Be a couch potato
10 Rock's Brian
12 Foyer
19 Parade attendee's cry
21 Guitar master Paul
23 Snooze
25 "Hulk" star Bana
26 Implement
27 Church section
28 SFPD alerts
29 Pager sound
30 Caboose
31 Silent
35 Clothing protector
38 "Psst!"
40 Cleaning cloth
42 Huge success
45 Wall St. market
47 Inert gas
48 Pakistani language
49 Membership
50 Tina of "30 Rock"
51 TV's Longoria
52 Aviv preceder
54 Ordinal suffix

Solution time: 26 mins.

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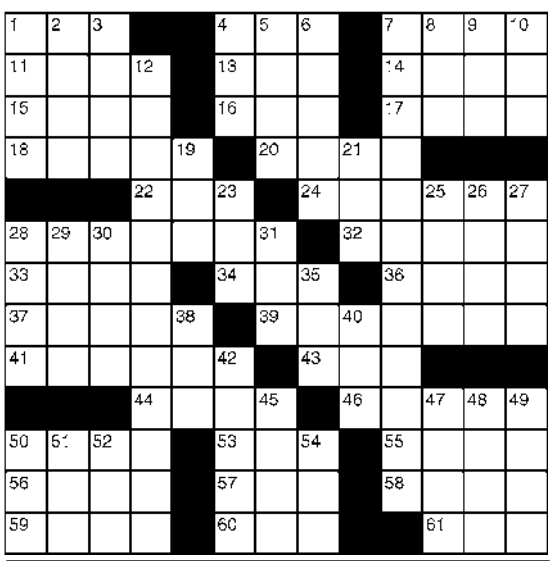
Last Friday's Answer 06/06



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Aubrey Anderson-Emmons, 15; Ashley Park, 31; Paul Giamatti, 55; Robert Englund, 75.

Happy Birthday: High energy and added discipline will set you on the right path this year. Don't hold back when picking up the pace and staying focused on what's important to you will take you where you want to go. Keep your distance from meddlers, those offering unreasonable ideas. Take ownership of what you want to pursue, and don't look back. Your numbers: 9, 16, 22, 25, 33, 37, 40.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Put muscle and enthusiasm behind whatever you decide to do next. Building momentum will make a good impression on someone keeping tabs on what you do. Professionalism will help you gain respect and advance your career. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Listen to reason. Put a strategy in place before you initiate a move. Consider alternatives and consequences, and you'll come up with a plan that works for you and your budget. Don't let spontaneity be your downfall. Plan your actions thoroughly. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Strive to do your best, and you'll gain respect and the edge you need to get ahead. Your experience and knowledge will help you sort through any tough decisions and prompt you to get things done on time. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22): Initiate* changes that make you feel good, look good and allow you to use your skills to your benefit. An emotional realization will lead to discussions and plans that will shape your life for years to come. Live, love and laugh. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Avoid a trap. Expect someone to make last-minute changes that disrupt your plans or mislead you by withholding the information required to make a good decision. Bide your time, tread carefully and stick to what you know you can handle alone. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Set your sights on what's essential and forge ahead. Take a unique path, and let your imagination lead the way. The ideas you come up with will be well-received and put to good use. Self-improvement is favored. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Speed up the process, and put whatever is hanging over your head to rest. Take the liberty to use your spare time to relax and enjoy taking care of your needs. Learn as much as you can about something that piques your interest. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep an open mind. If you are cynical, you'll waste time and accomplish little. You may not agree with everything you hear, but a positive attitude will help you use the information you receive beneficially. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Your instincts won't let you down if you follow through. Trust carefully, verify everything and agree to do what fits into your schedule. Time spent fixing up your space will lift your spirits and encourage you to put the past behind you. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Use only what's necessary. Taking a minimalist approach to what you do and how you do it will ensure you stay on budget. Don't let anyone take advantage of your skills or time. Self-improvement will fetch compliments. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep your thoughts to yourself. Emotional situations will escalate quickly, causing problems between you and a friend, relative or peer if you let someone draw you into a discussion you aren't ready to have. Bide your time and be observant. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* By letting your mind wander, you'll come up with a plan that will help you get ahead. Rearrange your time to fit in with what's important to you. Use ingenuity to entice someone into doing something that can make your life easier. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are helpful, determined and ambitious. You are resourceful and patient.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 6/06

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

5	4	7	9	8	1	6	3	2
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3	2	4	8	9	7	5	1	6
1	7	9	4	5	6	8	2	3

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

FUN THINGS TO DO Solution: 7 letters

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Last Friday's Answer: Whirlwind

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Swiatek surpasses Serena's streak for 2nd French Open title

PARIS (AP)— Iga Swiatek's winning streak began to feel like a burden, she said, with all of the attention it gained as it grew, all of the pressure to keep it going, especially with a Grand Slam title in the offing.

As good as her forehand is, as skilled as her hit-the-ball early reflexes are, as much as her serve keeps improving, what Swiatek needed, above all, was a way to shut out the noise, to ignore all the stats and facts, and to find a way to focus — match to match, set to set, game to game, point to point, shot to shot.

During the French Open, she did that away from the court by reading (Alexandre Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" was one choice) and on the court by singing in her head (a Dua Lipa song she called a "guilty pleasure"). Most of all, she allowed her play to rule the day. Thanks to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over 18-year-old American Coco Gauff in Saturday's final, the top-ranked Swiatek leaves Roland Garros with her second championship — and a run of 35 matches without a loss.

"It is, like, basically the hardest part of the job, I would say, because you can see at Grand Slams that there are a lot of surprises. It's not easy to cope with all that different atmosphere and the pressure," Swiatek, who is 21, said after adding this trophy to the one she won in Paris in 2020 while ranked outside the top 50. "For me, I felt the baggage. The hardest thing is like not letting yourself think about that and overanalyze and not letting yourself think about all the numbers and the odds."

Ah, yes. The numbers. They're impressive.

Swiatek has won her past six tournaments. She has won 56 of her past 58 sets. She is 42-3 this season. She has won 16 sets by a 6-0 score. And her unbeaten streak now is one better than the best Serena Williams ever had, 34, and equals the longest this century (Williams' older sister, Venus, had a 35-match run in 2000).

"Kind of doing something more than Serena did," Swiatek said, "it's something special."

Swiatek has emerged as a dominant figure in tennis, stepping into a gap that presented itself with 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena out of action for nearly a year and three-time major champ Ash Barty announcing in March she would retire at age 25 and relinquish the No. 1 ranking.

AP

Poland's Iga Swiatek presents the cup after defeating Coco Gauff of the U.S. in the women final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Saturday, June 4, 2022 in Paris. Swiatek won 6-1, 6-3.

That allowed Swiatek to move up to the top of the WTA, and she's shown she is a deserving resident there.

"She does a good job of taking the pressure moments and really rising to the occasion. And today she rose to the occasion," said the 18th-seeded Gauff, who was appearing in her first Grand Slam final and hadn't dropped a set in the tournament. "I do that pretty well, too, but today, she was just on another level."

Gauff is now 0-3 against Swiatek.

"The past couple months have truly been amazing and you totally deserve it," Gauff told Swiatek, then added with a chuckle: "Hopefully we can play each other in more finals, and maybe I can get a win on you one of these days."

On the warmest day of the tournament, with the temperature at 82 degrees Fahrenheit (28 Celsius), just a few puffs of white in the blue sky at the outset turned into thick, foreboding gray clouds by the second set, accompanied by a thunderclap. The match ended after 1 hour, 8 minutes, before the rain arrived.

Gauff did not get off to the best of starts: It was 4-0 in a blink.

Swiatek broke serve right from the get-go, with plenty of help from Gauff, who put a forehand into the net, double-faulted — eliciting some sighs of "Awwwww" from the crowd — dumped a forehand into the net, and pushed another forehand long.

Not in all cases, of course, but often, the spectators at Roland Garros tend to back an underdog or whichever player is trailing — both of which applied to Gauff. So there was a surfeit of shouts of "Allez, Coco!" One person yelled, "Coco, you can do it!" There were repeated cries of her chant-ready, two-syllable first name.

As things appeared to be getting away from her, Gauff slapped her thigh or covered her eyes, shook her head or looked up toward her parents in the stands.

What she never did was waver or concede anything.

Gauff began the second set by breaking Swiatek for the only time, and then holding to go up 2-0. Might this transform into a much closer contest? Might Gauff push Swiatek to a third set?

No. Swiatek quickly recalibrated and reasserted herself, breaking back for 2-all as Gauff's propensity for miscues returned. By the end, Gauff had more unforced errors, 23-16, and also fewer winners: 14 for her, 18 for Swiatek.

Also key to Swiatek's presence, and swiftly burgeoning aura, is her calmness on court. She has traveled on tour with a sports psychologist, who was in Swiatek's guest box on Saturday, and works on various elements of her professional and personal lives.

That includes an emphasis on maintaining focus and setting priorities, such as the determination that she is still too new at this whole business of attempting to win Grand Slam titles that she decided it was best not to attend the Champions League soccer final in Paris last weekend, something Nadal did do.

Maybe a couple of years down the road, Swiatek surmised, a night out might be a welcome distraction. For now, Swiatek said, she felt she needed to keep all of her attention on tennis.

Celtics were resilient in Game 1; Warriors now must respond

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In Game 1, Boston showed its resilience.

In Game 2, Golden State gets a chance to answer.

Over the last two months, no teams in the NBA have shown more of a bounce-back ability than the Celtics and the Warriors. The latest example came Thursday night, when the Celtics went on a dazzling 48-18 run down the stretch to erase a 15-point deficit and win Game 1 of the NBA Finals 120-108.

It was the fifth double-digit comeback by Boston in these playoffs. The only team with more is Golden State, with six such rallies this postseason.

"That's kind of who we've been all year," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "Tough grinders, resilient group that we can always know we can rely on our defense to kind of buckle down when needed."

Now, it's the Warriors' turn. They haven't dropped back-to-back games in more than two months, and — although it should be noted the trio has played in only 20 games together — they have yet to lose consecutive games this season with Stephen Curry, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson all in the lineup.

"This series," Curry said after Game 1, "is just getting started."

The Warriors know they let an opportunity slip away in Game 1. Boston's big rally — from down 15 late in the third to up by 15 late in the fourth — represented the fourth time this season Golden State had lost a home game after leading by at least 15 points.

The others: the Warriors led Memphis by 19 in the first half on Oct. 28, were up by 16 midway through the third quarter against Denver on Feb. 16, and led Dallas by 21 points in the third — and 19 with 9:59 left — before falling on Feb. 27.

Golden State is 5-0 since the start of March after losses; Boston, incidentally, is 8-0 over that span after losses. But Golden State's penchant for getting back on track quickly did serve as a silver lining following the Game 1 loss.

"Guys are bummed, as you would expect," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "But it's a seven-game series for a reason. I think you give Boston credit. They came in and earned the win. Played a great fourth quarter. We'll come in, watch the film and see where we can get better. And you know, it's one game. So, you move on to the next one."

Game 2 isn't a must-win for Golden State, technically.

But the reality is another loss Sunday would put the Warriors in serious trouble, against a Boston team that has been forged by fire throughout these playoffs.

Consider their path: They swept their way through a Brooklyn team led by Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving in Round 1, outlasted Giannis Antetokounmpo and defending champion Milwaukee over seven games in Round 2, then won another Game 7 — this one on the road — over Miami to claim the Eastern Conference title.

"It's hard to win in this league, especially in the playoffs," Boston's Jaylen Brown said. "Any given night, things could go differently, but a good team is able to respond. A good team is able to put their best foot forward each and every night. ... We've been through a lot. We've learned a lot over the years, and now the stage is at its brightest, we've got to apply everything that we've learned into these moments."

That's what happened in Game 1. Even when things looked bleakest, Boston relied on its experience in such moments.

The Celtics rallied from 17 down to beat Brooklyn on April 20, from 11 down — in the third quarter — to beat Milwaukee on May 9, erased an early 10-point deficit on the way to blowing out the Bucks in Game 7 of that series on May 15, then came back from an early 10-point hole to roll past Miami in Game 2 of the East finals on May 19.

Then came Thursday, when the Cardiac Celtics struck again.

"I'm sure those experiences helped," Kerr said.

Game 2 provides the Warriors a chance to show their experience.

"We know they are a good team," Curry said. "So are we. We have to respond on Sunday."

Severino 1-hitter, Judge HR power Yankees past Tigers

NEW YORK (AP)—Luis Severino combined with two relievers on a one-hitter to continue New York's run of outstanding starting pitching performances, and the Yankees beat the Detroit Tigers 3-0 on Saturday.

Aaron Judge hit his MLB-best 21st homer on the first pitch in the bottom of the first inning, and the Yankees won their fifth straight and for the ninth time in 11 games since their only three-game losing streak this year May 22-23.

Anthony Rizzo also went deep and Josh Donaldson lifted a sacrifice fly for the Yankees, who have outscored opponents 33-3 during their streak.

Severino (4-1) struck out 10, Michael King breezed through the eighth and Clay Holmes notched his eighth save, extending his career-high scoreless streak to 26 innings.

Detroit rookie Beau Brieske (0-5) allowed two runs on three hits in six innings, and Miguel Cabrera had his 3,033rd career hit.

AP

New York Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino (40) walks back to the dugout during the change in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, Saturday, June 4, 2022, in New York.

Phillies 7, Angels 2

In Philadelphia, Zack Wheeler struck out nine over six solid innings and Johan Camargo had four RBIs as Philadelphia sent slumping slugger Mike Trout and Los Angeles to its 10th straight defeat, its worst skid in almost six years.

Trout, the three-time AL MVP, struck out three times and went 0 for 4 in front of his hometown South Jersey fans to extend his hitless streak to a career-worst 0 for 23.

Wheeler (4-3) gave two runs and six hits. Three relievers kept Los Angeles in check with one shutout inning apiece as the Phillies won their second straight under interim manager Rob Thomson, who replaced the fired Joe Girardi.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 4, 10 innings, 2nd game
Cubs 6, Cardinals 1, 1st game

In Chicago, Cardinals rookie Brendan Donovan hit a two-run double in the 10th inning and St. Louis overcame a baserunning mistake to beat the Chicago in the nightcap for a doubleheader split.

Ian Happ had two doubles to lead the Cubs to victory in the opener.

Donovan doubled after Michael Rucker (0-1) walked Nolan Arenado. Harrison Bader followed with an RBI single, and another run scored on a double play during a four-run 10th.

Donovan had three hits and Edmundo Sosa added two in the nightcap for the Cardinals, who have won 11 of 16.

Jason Heyward doubled with two outs in the 10th off Cardinals closer Giovanny Gallegos (1-2) but was stranded when Nick Madrigal struck out.

Right-hander Caleb Kilian allowed three runs and three hits in five innings for the Cubs in his major league debut. He struck out six and walked two.

Paul Goldschmidt's 25-game hitting streak was snapped in the first game. He went 0 for 2 with a strikeout, a groundout and two walks, and fell one game short of his career-best hitting streak.

Matt Swarmer earned his first big league win and Frank Schwindel homered in the first game.

Red Sox 8, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Nick Pivetta pitched two-hit ball over seven innings to win his fifth consecutive start and Boston beat Oakland.

Alex Verdugo had three hits and two RBIs as Boston won its third straight. Trevor Story doubled twice and made a tremendous defensive play. Xander Bogaerts added an infield single and became the career leader in games started by a Red Sox shortstop.

Pivetta (5-4) was crisp with seven strikeouts and two walks. Since losing at Baltimore on May 1, Pivetta has given up six earned runs in 41 innings — an ERA of 1.32.

Paul Blackburn (5-2) lost his second consecutive start and allowed seven hits and four runs in four innings, raising his ERA from 2.15 to 2.62.

Marlins 5, Giants 4

In Miami, Jesús Sánchez hit a game-winning sacrifice fly in the ninth inning and Miami beat San Francisco.

Giants reliever Tyler Rogers (0-2) allowed Jesús Aguilar's leadoff single and hit Avisaíl García. A balk by Rogers advanced pinch runner Luke Williams and García before Sánchez's drive to medium center scored Williams for the Marlins' first walk-off win of the season.

Tyler Scott (1-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win.

Miami starter Pablo López overcame a line drive off his pitching shoulder by Thairo Estrada in the second and pitched seven innings of four-run ball. The shot, timed at 104.4 mph, caromed to second baseman Jazz Chisholm Jr., who threw Estrada out at first.

Nationals 10, Reds 8

In Cincinnati, Juan Soto hit a three-run homer and a solo shot, and Maikel Franco and Luis Garcia drove in ninth-inning runs to rally Washington past Cincinnati.

The Reds led 7-3 after a five-run fifth inning that included Albert Almora Jr.'s second career grand slam.

Soto's three-run shot in the seventh got the Nats within a run. In the eighth, Franco singled, took two bases on a wild pitch and trotted home on Garcia's double to tie the score. In the ninth, Reds reliever Hunter Strickland (0-2) surrendered three more runs on four singles.

Tanner Rainey, the last of six Nationals pitchers, came on in the ninth and gave up a homer to Brandon Drury and a single to Tommy Pham, but got Joey Votto to fly out to left and struck out Tyler Stephenson to end it for his seventh save. Kyle Finnegan (2-1) , who pitched a hitless eighth, got the win.

Rangers 3, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Texas, Adolis Garcia hit a three-run homer, rookie Glenn Otto won his third start in a row despite some erratic control and closer Joe Barlow quickly rebounded as Texas beat Seattle.

The Rangers didn't have a base runner against Marco Gonzales (3-6) until Marcus Semien led off the fourth with a single through the right side left open a shift. On the first pitch after Mitch Garver's one-out walk, Garcia hit his ninth homer for a 3-0 lead.

Barlow worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 11 chances. The right-hander was back on the mound less than 20 hours after Eugenio Suárez hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning of the series opener to give the Mariners a 4-3 win Friday night. That ended Barlow's streak of 17 consecutive save chances dating to last season.

Padres 4, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, MacKenzie Gore pitched six stellar innings and Jake Cronenworth homered and drove in three runs in San Diego's win over Milwaukee.

Gore (4-1) continued the spectacular start to his rookie season by throwing a career-high 108 pitches and matching his best with 10 strikeouts. He allowed three hits and three walks while reducing his ERA to 1.50.

San Diego's Nabil Crismatt, Luis García and Taylor Rogers each pitched one inning of shutout relief.

In a matchup of promising young left-handers, Gore outdueled Milwaukee's Aaron Ashby (1-4), who allowed four runs in six inning with nine strikeouts and no walks.

White Sox 3, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jake Burger's first career pinch-hit homer highlighted a three-run eighth inning and Chicago beat Tampa Bay to snap a four-game skid.

Adam Engel opened the eighth with a pinch-hit double off Brooks Raley and scored on Danny Mendick's single. Burger then put Chicago up 3-2 with his drive off Jalen Beeks (1-1) as the White Sox won for just the third time in 10 games.

Reliever Kyle Crick (2-0) went 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win. Liam Hendriks got his 15th save in 18 chances.

Rays right-hander Drew Rasmussen was in line for his sixth win after scattering three hits over seven scoreless innings before squandering the lead.

Yandy Díaz hit an opposite-field two-out grounder that scored Isaac Paredes, and Ji-Man Choi made it 2-0 with a single to left that beat the shift.

Blue Jays 12, Twins 3

In Toronto, José Berríos struck out a career-high 13 over seven innings against his former team and Toronto backed him with three home runs in a win over Minnesota.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Alejandro Kirk and Bo Bichette homered as the streaking Blue Jays won for the ninth time in 10 games. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. added three hits and Toronto set season highs in runs and hits (16).

Jorge Polanco homered for the Twins, who have lost eight of 12 since a six-game winning streak.

Berríos (4-2) allowed two runs and three hits and won for the first time since May 17 against Seattle.

Dylan Bundy (3-3) took the loss. He was tagged for five earned runs and eight hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Pirates 2, Diamondbacks 1

In Pittsburgh, rookie Jack Suwinski hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning, rallying Pittsburgh past Arizona.

Bryan Reynolds led off the ninth with a single off Mark Melancon (1-6), who blew his second save in 13 opportunities. Suwinski then hit the ninth pitch of the at-bat for his first career game-ending hit and sixth home run of the season.

Arizona starter Zach Davies pitched 7 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing three hits, striking out six and walking two.

Chris Stratton (3-2) pitched a scoreless ninth in his 200th career appearance.

Arizona's Ketel Marte hit a pair of doubles and scored his team's lone run in the sixth on a wild pitch while extending his hitting streak to a career-high 16 games.

Orioles 5, Guardians 4

In Baltimore, Trey Mancini hit a 438-foot homer run, the longest by an Orioles player this season, Rougned Odor had a shot that landed on Eutaw Street and Baltimore beat Cleveland.

Austin Hays also homered for the Orioles.

José Ramírez and Andrés Giménez hit home runs for Cleveland.

Reliever Félix Bautista (2-1) picked up the win and Jorge Lopez got the last four outs for his seventh save.

Cleveland starter Triston McKenzie (3-5) allowed five runs and on three hits with four strikeouts and three walks over seven innings.

Royals 6, Astros 0

In Kansas City, Mo., Salvador Perez broke a scoreless tie with a two-run homer in the sixth inning and Kansas City ended a five-game losing streak with its 2,000th regular-season win at Kauffman Stadium, which opened in 1973.

Kris Bubic and the Kansas City bullpen combined on a five-hitter, snapping Houston's five-game win streak.

Perez connected with two outs in the sixth off Astros starter Luis Garcia (3-4) and added an RBI double in a four-run eighth.

Bubic gave up five hits in five innings, striking out three and walked three. Four relievers completed the Royals' fourth shutout with Collin Snyder (4-2) picking up the victory.

Committee-to-Elect Richard Lizama hosts successful golf open

The Committee-to-Elect Richard T. Lizama for Mayor hosted a golf tournament at Lao Lao Bay Golf and Resort's west course last Saturday where more than $3,000 worth of prizes were given to its players.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support we received from our community last Saturday," Saipan mayoral candidate Richard Lizama said. "We hope to see more of our community members at our future events."

Tickets for the tournament were $130 each. The hole-in-one prizes included a brand new Hyundai Kona from Triple J Motors and a Santa Grutudis female cow.

The tournament featured a double Peoria format, in which veteran golf player Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho bagged first place and $500 with a gross score of 66.

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Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, center, won first place and $500 at the golf tournament hosted by the Committee-to-Elect Richard T. Lizama on Saturday, June 4, 2022. In photo with Camacho is Saipan mayoral candidate Richard Lizama, left, and committee member Victoria Matsunaga.

Followed by Camacho was Zhu Xing Kai, who won second place and $450 with a gross score of 84. Securing third place and $400 in the tourney was Lester Manglona, with a gross score of 94.

Kim Kyu Leon won fourth place and $350 followed by Ben Duenas who won fifth place and $300. Joe Tudela secured sixth place and $250. Li Xiong Zhe won seventh place and $200, while Alvin Salas won eighth place and $150.

A total of 50 players joined Saturday's golf open.

"We are glad to see a great turnout at Richard's event," CNMI Democratic Party chair Jonathan Cabrera said. "It goes to show how much the CNMI community believes in the Democratic party."

Chairman of the Committee-to-Elect Richard T. Lizama for Mayor, Ray Matsunaga, thanked all the sponsors and individuals who helped host the successful golf open.

"It was great to see that our constituents had a great time at our golf open," Matsunaga said. "I am so appreciative of the support that we received from the volunteers, staff, and participants of the tournament."

Matsunaga also thanked Meridian Land Surveyors for their help with the cash prizes.

To learn how to support the committee and the movement to elect Richard T. Lizama as mayor, please email rtl-izama54@gmail.com or call (670) 285-5028. ***(PR)***

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Second place winner Zhu Xing Kai, center, receives his $450 cash prize from Saipan mayoral candidate Richard Lizama, left, and committee member Victoria Matsunaga.

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Lester Manglona, right, was the third place winner with a gross score of 94. Together with Manglona from left are Ray Salas and Anthony Reyes.

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him get up to his feet, including good friends and fellow Japanese Shuji Kuroda and Michiteru Mita.

During an interview after Saturday's race, Sato was asked if he has message to Kuroda and Mita. He jokingly replied: "For Shuji, he should just concentrate in the ultra-marathons—the 50km and 100kms and events outside. And for coach Mita, he should just focus on coaching," he said followed by a burst of laughter.

Denevan finished second in the men's division after crossing the finish line in 20:06, while third place went to Michael Miller in 22:41.

Among the women, Akiko Miller was the fleetest afoot with a time of 21:02. She was followed closely by Kaithlyn Chavez in 21:11 while rounding out the Top 3 was Noriko Jim in 23:23.

Miller said she had a bit of a hard time during the Mangrove 5K as it involved a winding route.

"Very hard a lot of turns and the last 1K was so hard…It was fast-paced… Too fast Mr. Sato so I just took my time but Kaitlyn tried to catch me all the time and I was scared," she said.

The Mangrove Run is named after the shrubs that line up the pathway along the run route past the Boating Safety Office toward what used to be the Puerto Rico dump site.

Unlike last year, participants lined up at the starting line all the way up near the toilets at the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park. They then proceeded to the Outer Cove Marina and then turned around at the Micro Beach pavilion before returning to the starting line.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. was stoked with the turnout for the 2nd Annual Mangrove 5K.

"I'm really happy how this turned out because last year we only had about 27 runners. Today we had about 71 runners and I'm really shocked because we started the registration very late. This to me is pretty amazing because we broke our non-special 5K record. Since we gave nothing like T-shirts and medals except our timing and free water obviously I'm surprised that we were able to come up with 71 runners at such late registration," he said.

Dela Cruz said having 71 runners take part in last Saturday's run was also surprising considering a lot of Run Saipan's regular runners are off-island for summer vacation.

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500 milliliter, but the 1 liter. And… up to 6,000 bags of ice. It's quite important for the athletes. They're looking forward to it… It's a big help from Saipan Ice & Water. Thank you so much for your generosity.

"As athletes, they drink a lot of hydration. And with the weather, our weather here in summer, it's quite humid. It's really important and key that we hydrate everybody, including the volunteers and our technical officials. So hydration is important. Saipan Ice & Water is important for the visitors and our community also," said Babauta.

Asked why Saipan Ice & Water donated to the Mini Games, company vice president Xavier Borja said, "hydration is a very important part of any kind of physical activity. So especially now that the [Mini Games] is here, that's something that we want to be a part of, to partner up with the Games and also the community. It's also like a once-in-a-century event, and we don't want to miss out on that opportunity.

"We're the largest [water company] and we've been here the longest so we're glad to be a part of this first-time event," said Borja.

Babauta added that Saipan Ice also contributed ice boxes to the Games. "It's really critical for the athletes to access those ice in lieu of ice packs, in lieu of icing them down with ice baths and recovery. So that's important on our site, having it readily available, not only in the venue, but also the hotels, in this case Grandvrio [Resort] and Pacific Islands Club. And I believe all the inventory has been dropped off already and the next one is the venue. We're very, very grateful for Saipan Ice to partake in our role and responsibility as a host and providing ice."

According to Babauta, Matson Navigation Co. has also donated a 20-foot reefer, which is a refrigerated container, to store the ice that Saipan Ice donated.

LEIGH GASES

Saipan Ice & Water Company Inc. is recognized as a bronze sponsor for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 at their company's headquarters in Lower Base last Friday. Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Ben Babauta, fourth from left, is joined by Saipan Ice & Water CEO Mila Pellegrino, middle, vice president Xavier Borja, fifth from right, and staff along with the Mini Games Organizing Committee members.

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last two years. But I can assure you that the board, although we are quite busy with the Pacific Mini Games preparations, we continue to talk about matters outside the Mini Games. So we want you to know that we don't only focus on the Mini Games, but we also talk about the other 10 sports and see how we can continue to support you," he said.

Krum thanked Tan for acknowledging the pickleball group during the sports banquet and said was very impressed how the yearend event celebrated the CNMI's top sportsmen and sportswomen for 2021.

"It was great to be recognized at the awards banquet as the newest member of NMSA. I was really impressed with the banquet!" he said.

As for upcoming activities, Krum said PFNMI will ramp up its events calendar following the Mini Games. It will start with a pickleball tournament at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

"We have an upcoming event on July 2nd to introduce the four new courts at American Memorial Park and are promoting an inter-island league competition with Guam with the Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands hosting Guam on Sept. 3rd. I just wrote to the governor hoping that he will become involved in our inter-island play with some friendly competition with the governor of Guam."

The tournament against Guam is in line with Tan and NMSA's call to conduct competitions against the neighboring U.S. territory to keep athletes training all year round.

"We are calling the inter-island competition the Marianas Cup, and like the Stanley Cup, the winning island will possess the trophy between the events. We are envisioning a semi-annual competition alternating between the two islands," said Krum.

Krum founded PFNMI with his wife Donna as Paradise Pickleball Club of Saipan in August 2020 after a hip replacement surgery forced him to switch from tennis to pickleball.

Last year also saw the sports organization become the 67th member of the International Pickleball Federation. It held its first-ever tournament at the Capitol Hill tennis courts last Oct. 30 with Donn Dunlop and Leith Poole topping a field of 16 players after accumulating a perfect 105 points each in a round-robin format.

Nearly two years since its birth, PFNMI has grown from five regular players to 40. It also now has three courts at the Church of Latter-day Saints along Middle Road and four courts on Capitol Hill and will soon be adding the AMP tennis courts as its regular venue.

With over three million players, pickleball is arguably the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and its popularity has spread all over the world as pickleball—with the recent recognition of the CNMI—is currently played in 67 countries.

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Kosuke tops redemption run

MARK RABAGO
A total of 71 runners took part in Run Saipan's 2nd Annual Mangrove 5K last Saturday. Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said it was a club record for a non-special 5k run.

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Veteran runner Kosuke Sato made up for last year's debacle when he tripped on a wire by winning Run Saipan's 2nd Annual Mangrove 5K last Saturday.

Sato

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The 51-year-old general manager of Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo outpaced everyone and crossed the finish line at the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park with a time of 19:36.

"Last year I fell down. This year I paid attention to everything especially the wire [near] the turnaround where I slowed down," he said.

It wasn't a wire-to-wire win for Sato though as the Saitama, Japan native paced himself in the early goings.

"First two miles Michael [Denevan] was in front of me but after that I went to first… Very good running conditions… Not busy as last year when the Mangrove Run coincided with a fishing derby," he said

» **Miller wins women division**

Last year, Sato was leading the pack when he tripped on a wire near the turnaround at the Micro Beach Pavilion. Curiously, he said none of his fellow runners helped

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Pickleball happy to join NMSA

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The Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands recently became the 19th member of the Northern Marianas Sports Association and the newest sport in the islands appreciates the umbrella sports organization for welcoming them in the fold.

"We have about 40 players now. Joining the NMSA gives our group a sense of legitimacy. We are now a paying member of the sports association and contributing to the growth and presence of sports on Saipan," said PFNMI president Dr. Nelson Krum.

NMSA president Jerry Tan acknowledged Krum and his fledgling group during the 2021 NMSA Sports Banquet last April.

"We officially have 19 sports as NMSA recently admitted pickleball as an associate member. NMSA's mission is to promote all the sports as once you become a member, our job is to work closely with you and support you."

The NMSA chief apologized for not doing much the past couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic though.

"Unfortunately, we are not able to do much during the COVID period I guess the

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MARK RABAGO
Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands president Nelson Krum, seen here in action during a recent pickleball tournament second from right, is delighted that his club is the newest member of the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

Saipan Ice & Water Company Inc. joins bronze sponsors

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Saipan Ice & Water Company Inc. has joined the ranks of bronze sponsors for the Northern Pacific Mini Games 2022 after donating over 100,000 cases of 500ml and 10-liter water bottles and over 6,000 bags of ice to the quadrennial event.

At the Saipan Ice & Water office in Lower Base last Friday, the Mini Games Organizing Committee and management staff of Saipan Ice showed some cases of the water bottles, complete with the 2022 Mini Games logo which will be distributed throughout the duration of the Games.

Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta thanked Saipan Ice for their generous donation of hydration.

"We are really grateful for your donation. We've been working on this since last year. We're basically procuring over 100,000 bottles of water. And not only the

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